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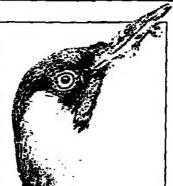
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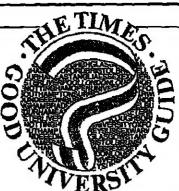
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Fears over Mandelson and Brown

Blair aims to heal top aides' rift

By Philip Webster, political editor

LABOUR frontbenchers are discreetly trying to heal a rift between two of Tony Blair's most important lieutenants. which they lear could damage the party's election preparations. Mr Blair is privately

supporting the effort. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and Peter Mandelson, the Labour leader's long-time adviser, were once the closest of friends. But they have not been on personal speaking terms - other than at formal meetings where contact is unavoidable — for

more than 18 months. Mr Blair is known to be deeply concerned over the failure of two of his truest confidants to be reconciled. But his worries go wider than personal relations: he and other Shadow Cabinet members are concerned that unless something is done to bring them back together, it could

harm Labour's campaign. Mr Brown is in charge of Labour's day-to-day campaigning, chairing regular strategy meetings to decide priorities. Mr Mandelson is chairman of the party's general election planning group and runs the party's communications headquarters at Millbank Tower, London.

At meetings they talk formally, but Labour insiders say that the absence of a proper informal relationship between two people whose roles will become even more vital as the election approaches is an unnecessary problem.

Sources close to Mr Blair say that the awkward relationship has not, up to now, affected their contributions to the party's campaigning work. Mr Brown is regarded as Mr Blair's leading strategic think-er and Mr Mandelson has

made a big impact at the communications HQ. But friends of both admit that life would be easier if they got on. One Shadow Cabinet member said: "They owe it to the rest of us to make up."

Senior figures say that Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, may be the only person who can persuade them to put their differences aside in the interests of the party. He is the member of the Shadow Cabinet who Mr Brown most respects and perhaps the only one to whom he would defer.

Mr Brown has never forgiven Mr Mandelson for what he in pushing Mr Blair's claim as the modernisers' candidate in the 1994 leadership election.

Mr Mandelson was the key backstage influence on the socalled modernising project be-gun by Neil Kinnock and was seen as perhaps the leading figure behind the swift rise of both Mr Brown and Mr Blair after they entered Parliament in 1983.

The two MPs had always had a private understanding that they would not stand against each other in any

leadership contest, and for many years it seemed that Mr Brown would be the more likely to command the support of the Labour movement.

But when John Smith died in May 1994, he was in the traditionally unpopular post of Shadow Chancellor, while Mr Blair was enjoying big success as Shadow Home Secretary. Within hours of Mr Smith's death, Mr Blair was the strong favourite and he never looked back.

Mr Brown blamed Mr Mandelson because he thought he was promoting Mr Blair in briefing journalists rather than staying evenhanded. Mr Brown declined to pull out of the race straight away and it was only after long and painful soul-searching that he agreed with Mr Blair to stand aside.

As it happens, many journalists who covered the affair recall Mr Mandelson taking a neutral line between the two and even "talking up" Mr Brown's chances long after it was clear that Mr Blair would be the inevitable choice.

But although Mr Brown has remained Mr Blair's closest and most valued Shadow Cabinet friend, adviser and confidant, and Mr Mandelson is still one of Mr Blair's key advisers, relations between Mr Mandelson and Mr Brown have never been



While journalists were still searching for Madonna at the Cannes Film Festival yesterday, the newly-pregnant star was surrounded by her bodyguards at Shepperton Studios, Surrey, putting the finishing touches to her film Evita. Dustin Hoffman accuses studios, page 3

Princess asks Queen to aid divorce

By LIN JENKINS AND JOANNA BALE

THE Princess of Wales flew to Majorca for a weekend break yesterday as it emerged that she had asked the Queen to intervene to break the deadlock in her divorce

At a meeting between the two last Wednesday, she threatened to withdraw her consent to the formal ending of the marriage - thereby forcing the Prince of Wales to wait almost two more years for a divorce on the grounds of a five-year separation without

consert. She requested the marriage to a swift end - will The hotel where she is Anthony Julius of Mishcon De Reya, told her that an agreement over the divorce settle-

ment was far from close. As the Princess relaxes in Majorca, where she is staying at Richard Branson's Hotel Residencia at Deia, the wrangling over the divorce has reached crisis point. The main sticking points are likely to involve money and possibly her future public role.

She is hoping that the Queen - who intervened to urge her son and his estranged wife to bring their

the Prince's solicitor, Fiona Shackleton, into finalising details of the settlement. The Princess has previously released details of the proposed settlement against the wishes of the Palace, but Jane Atkinson, her press spokeswoman, said yesterday that the negoti-ations were confidential. "We

the divorce proceedings." On the Princess's visit to Majorca, Ms Atkinson said: The trip has been planned for some time and the Princess should be back by Monday."

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meeting after her solicitor. now use her influence to spur staying is a beautiful old manor house set amid sloves of citrus and olive trees. Since Mr Branson took it over he has transformed it into a haven for pop stars and wealthy guests seeking peace

and quiet in the quaint village. As the Princess arrived with a female friend for her first visit there, Buckingham Palace said the divorce deadlock was "private and confidential". A spokesman declined to confirm that the meeting with the Queen had taken place, but said: "The Queen's door is always open to her family."

ate the end of the beef ban."

Tensions between the two

ministers were paraded at the

Scottish Tory conference in

Aberdeen this week. Mr

Heseltine struck a conciliatory

note towards the EU but an

unrepentant Mr Forsyth told

the conference: "I've been told

my refusal to fly the European

flag was petty. I can live with

that. What I can't live with is

seeing one of our most produc-tive and efficient industries

put on the rack for no good

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Red-letter day for Cup Final rivals

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER United and Liverpool fans were flying in from around the world as two rival red armies began to converge on Wembley for the FA Cup Final. Opposing supporters travelling from the North West today were being sent down different routes by police in an attempt to avoid

trouble. Black market tickets fetched up to £1,000 a pair amid huge interest in a clash between two of the country's best-supported clubs. The final, to be watched by an \$0,000 sell-out crowd. will also be broadcast to 400 million homes in more than 100 countries.

As supporters arrived on flights from Europe, America and Africa, bookmakers expected to take an unprecedented £5 million in bets, most in the hours before kick-off.

Ladbroke's and William Hill quote both teams at 5-6 to win, and 13-8 to finish the job in 90 minutes. "We just cannot separate them. It is the closest final in 35 years of betting and we are busier than we have ever been," Ian Wassell,

Ladbroke's spokesman, said. An FA spokesman said: "We urge all fans not to buy tickets from touts. We have a complete record of all tickets and anyone coming in with a stolen or forged ticket will be stopped, and could be arrested."

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Australia plan to ban guns

Anti-gun laws aimed at removing a wide range of firearms from civilian ownership received overwhelming backing from Australia's state and territory governments. The sale and possession of all automatic and semi-automatic rifles and shotguns will be

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Bupa deal could cost NHS £200m in private healthcare

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

HOSPITAL leaders accused Britain's largest private health company of undermining the health service yesterday by doing a deal with private hospitals that could cost the NHS £200 million a year.

The NHS Trust Federation said a Bupa scheme which offers inducements to subscribers to choose treatment in independent hospitals, in preference to NHS private wings, would cost the equivalent of 12,000 hip replacements in lost

Bupa, which said subscribers affected by the scheme contribute only £16 million to NHS

William Laing, of Laing and

country's third largest provider of private beds. The claim was ridiculed by

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Buisson, a leading private health consultant, said the escalating battle among private health providers in the £2 billion market would lead to lower health insurance premiums. Bupa. which once sold 70 per cent of all healthcare policies, has seen its market share fall to around 45 per cent. NHS private work has leapt by almost 50 per cent since 1988 and it is now the

The Bupa "health fund" scheme offers its one million personal subscribers financial benefits worth 8 per cent of their subscription which can be used to buy dental care or entry to fitness centres if they agree to be treated in selected list of 150 from the 800 private hospitals and units around the country. The list includes Bupa's

commercial rivals such as BMI and Nuffield hospitals but excludes more than 360 NHS hospitals which treat private patients. NHS hospitals earned £198

million from private patients in 1994-95, around 15 per cent of the total private health market, and made an estimated profit of £20 million which was ploughed back into NHS care. The bulk of the revenue went to London's best known teaching hospitals such as Guys and St Thomas's, which earned over £8 million.

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Axing of BBC bishop causes 'intense anger'

IN A further twist to the Thought for the Day saga, the Bishop of Oxford's spokes-man has condemned the BBC for "treating some of the nation's most senior religious leaders as if they were third-rate actors who had outlived their sell-by date" (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The decision, "drip-fed" over two weeks, to "rest" seven contributors, including the Right Rev Richard Harries, from the religious slot on Radio 4's Today programme has caused "intense anger" among the entire religious community, the Rev Richard Thomas, the Bishop's spokesman, says in a letter to The Times today.

flying the Euro flag FROM ANDREW PIERCE AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH CABINET tensions on Europe it was the wrong signal for a minister to send to Europe have boiled over into a when we are trying to negoti-

Row in Cabinet over

controversy between Michael Heseltine and Michael Forsyth over the Scottish Secretary's refusal to fly the European flag on Europe

Day.
The Deputy Prime Minister accused Mr Forsyth of fanning the flames of anti-European sentiment on the Conservative back benches and resorting to meaningless

gesture politics.

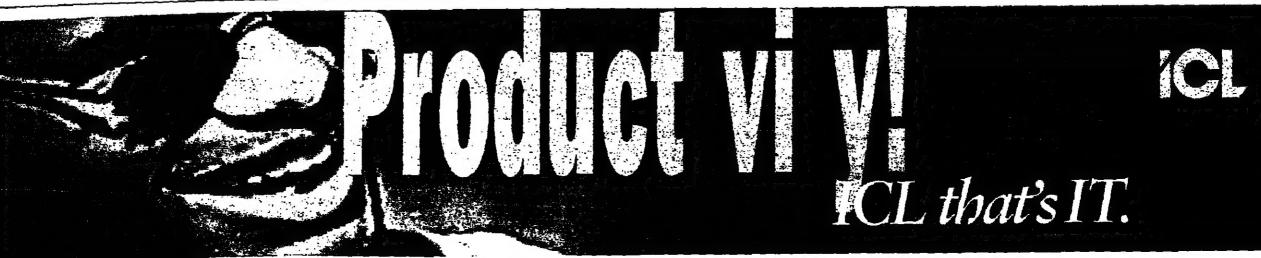
The clash flared at full
Cabinet the day after Mr Forsyth publicly announced on Thursday, May 2, his symbolic protest at the EU ban on British beef.

A supporter of Mr Forsyth

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Stalking Bill's failure 'condemns thousands'

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JULL SHERMAN

THE Government was accused of cynical, political action last night after blocking a Bill, sponsored by Labour, to make stalking a ciminal offence. The Government insisted it would put forward its own measures to toughen stalking laws, but failed to provide details of proposals or their introduction. Officials also admitted that stalking would not "necessarily" be-come a criminal offence under

government plans. Labour immediately accused ministers of failing to back its plans, which had widespread public support, on political grounds. It said the decision to block the private member's Bill introduced by Janet Anderson (Rossendale and Darwen) would delay any crackdown on stalkers for at

"I am angry and disappointed at the cynical way the Home Office have behaved." Mrs Anderson said. "They have condemned thousands of people to at least 12 more months of misery because they could not bring themselves to back a Labour initiated Bill."

A shout of "Object" in the chamber had prevented the Stalking Bill from gaining its second reading. It now has virtually no chance of becoming law. Mrs Anderson drafted the Bill after talks with senior Home Office officials, the Police Federation and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. She was hoping it would receive cross-party support in the Commons yesterday.

After persistently refusing to back calls from backbench MPs on both sides of the House to jail stalkers, the Home Office said it would try to bring forward measures of its own, possibly in this year's Queen's Speech.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, insisted that Mrs Anderson's Bill was "too widey drawn and would criminalise many innocent act-ivities". Speaking on BBC

Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-

tary, in his attempt to broker a

referendum deal with Sir

Mr Rifkind ruled out talks

with Mr Redwood, the defeat-

ed Tory leadership challenger,

who earlier this week advocat-

ed a referendum on Europe on

The former Welsh Secre-

tary, who is planning talks

with a series of ministers,

believes that if the Govern-

ment accepts his proposals Sir

James would lift his threat to

field 600 candidates at the next

in a leaked memorandum,

Conservative Central Office,

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buffed yesterday by Malcolm marginal seats.

Radio 4's The World at One. he said: "Stalking is a particu-larly difficult thing to define, which is why we are taking some care to make sure that we get it right. As soon as we are satisfied that we have a workable definition which would enable us to legislate, we will legislate."

Mrs Anderson's Bill proposed the creation of a prohibitory order that could be invoked by magistrates allowing an exclusion zone around a victim and requiring the stalker to undergo counselling. It would become a criminal offence to break the order, and persistent stalkers could could be jailed for a maximum of five years.

David Maclean, a Home

Office Minister, said that Mrs Anderson's Bill was a "valiant attempt" but it was defective and unworkable. He added that the Home Office had been working on a Bill "for quite some time".

However, officials emp-hasised yesterday that the Government would not necessarily introduce a new criminal offence of stalking. They argued that only certain types of stalking behaviour might fall into the criminal category.

Over 3,000 people, mainly women, are thought to be terrorised by stalkers every year but have no legal way of preventing such harassment. Tracey Sant, whose stalker

was convicted of grievous bodily harm in a landmark case two months ago, said yestenday: "I was initially disappointed that the Bill was blocked ... At least it has meant that the Government has made the promise to bring it in eventually." Anthony Burstow became

Rifkind rejects deal with

Redwood and Goldsmith

By Andrew Pierce and Gillian Bowditch

JOHN REDWOOD was re- ty could cost it dearly in a referendum before or on

Mr Rifkind, speaking at the

clear that there was no our

pose in any talks with his

former cabinet colleagues. He said: "I do not think that there

is any possibility of the Gov-

ernment considering a further

referendum. I do not believe

that there is any possibility of

the Cabinet or the Conserva-

John Major has made a

manifesto commitment that a

future Conservative govern-

ment would hold a referen-

dum if the Cabinet decided to

enter a single currency. Sir

James set up his party to try to

tive Party agreeing to it."

Scottish Conservative Party first public comment by a conference in Aberdeen, made minister on this week's offer

the first stalker to be jailed when he was found guilty of causing Miss Sant, 28, psychological harm. She added: "Noone should have to suffer severe psychological injury like I did before anything can



Chris Eubank and his wife Karron. She was said

Eubank's wife wins ban on intruder

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THE wife of the boxer Chris Eubank was granted a courtorder yesterday banning an alleged stalker from approaching the couple's estate after he was found inside three times in the past week.

The case was brought after Russell Bennett, 32, from north London, was discovered by police on the roof of a building in the grounds of the Eubanks' home at Hove, East Sussex, on Tuesday. He was spotted wearing a pair of the boxer's shorts and trainers.

No charges have been brought against Mr Bennett, who is in hospital undergoing treatment under section 2 of

polling day.

Mr Rifkind, making the

first public comment by a

from Mr Redwood to act as an

intermediary with Sir James.

said: "There has been no

discussion with ministers.

There is no interest in the

However, aides of the For-

eign Secretary have agreed in

principle with the Redwood

camp to hold future talks. Mr

Redwood supports the option

of a referendum on the ques-

tion of whether Britain should

remain in the single market

Mr Redwood's supporters

said he would continue to talk

or in a European superstate.

Cabinet in such a proposal."

the Mental Health Act. After the incident Karron Eubank, who is pregnant, was given a temporary injunction against Mr Bennett, stopping him from coming within 200 me-tres of her home. Yesterday, in a brief hearing at Brighton County Court, the order was extended for a week.

Mrs Eubank, 30, pressed a panic button to alert police after spotting a man when the security alarm went off. Police said she was terrified as she watched the intruder roaming through the gym. Damage estimated at £4,000 to £5,000 was done to the house and paperwork was defaced.

Army gay ban wrong, says Blair

By JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR said yesterday that in principle Labour backed lifting the ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces but that the practical concerns of Forces' should be considered.

Mr Blair was criticised by gay rights groups for giving his MPs a free vote in the Commons debate on Thursday night and for not voting himself. But he made clear he did not support the ban.

"I don't believe that the mere fact that people are homosexual should mean that they are automatically discharged," he said on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. But any changes had to be with the military".

NEWS IN BRIE

Tory pledge on tests at secondary schools

All pupils at Scottish secondary schools will have national tests in their first two years, under legislation pledged yesterday by Raymond Robertson, the Scottish Office Minister for Education, He accused Labour, Liberal Democrat and SNP councils of "neglect" and "complacenge for failing to secondary testing.

Democrat and SNP councils of "neglect" and "complacency" for failing to ensure regular testing.

The move, announced at the Conservatives' Scottish
conference, is sure to meet stiff opposition from teacher
unions and parents who disrupted primary school tests in
protest at their introduction. Mr Robertson has also asked school inspectors to investigate the merits of streaming children rather than having mixed-ability classes.

Drug dealer jailed

A Californian film producer who turned his London flat into one of the world's largest LSD factories was jailed for 14 years yesterday by Southwark Crown Court. Police seized the fifth biggest haul of drugs in the world from the flat belonging to Joseph Hurley, 51, of St John's Wood, northwest London. Hurley's extradition to America "for similar matters" may be sought.

Zoo judgment reserved

Judgment was reserved yesterday in a High Court claim for £200,000 damages by Matthew McDaid, 9. of New Eltham, southeast London, who had his arm ripped off by a chimpanzee at Port Lympne Zoo, owned by John Aspinall, near Hythe, Kent, in 1989. Howletts and Port Lympne Estates Ltd did not enter a defence to the claim but are contesting the amount of damages.

Bill to cut party noise

A backbench Bill proposing on the spot fines for noisy neighbours cleared the Commons and could become law next month. Anyone playing loud music or holding noisy parties between 11pm and 7am faces fines of £100 and the confiscation of sound equipment. There would be a maximum £1,000 penalty if the case comes to court and councils could choose whether to introduce the regulations.

Murder police criticised

Jonathan Jones, freed from jail after a conviction for murdering his girlfriend's parents was overturned, told South Wales police yesterday to "get off their backsides" and find the killer. The three appeal judges suggested possible leads when they gave the reasons for their judgment as a combination of technical blemishes in the trial judges's symming up and new alibi evidence. trial judge's summing up and new alibi evidence.

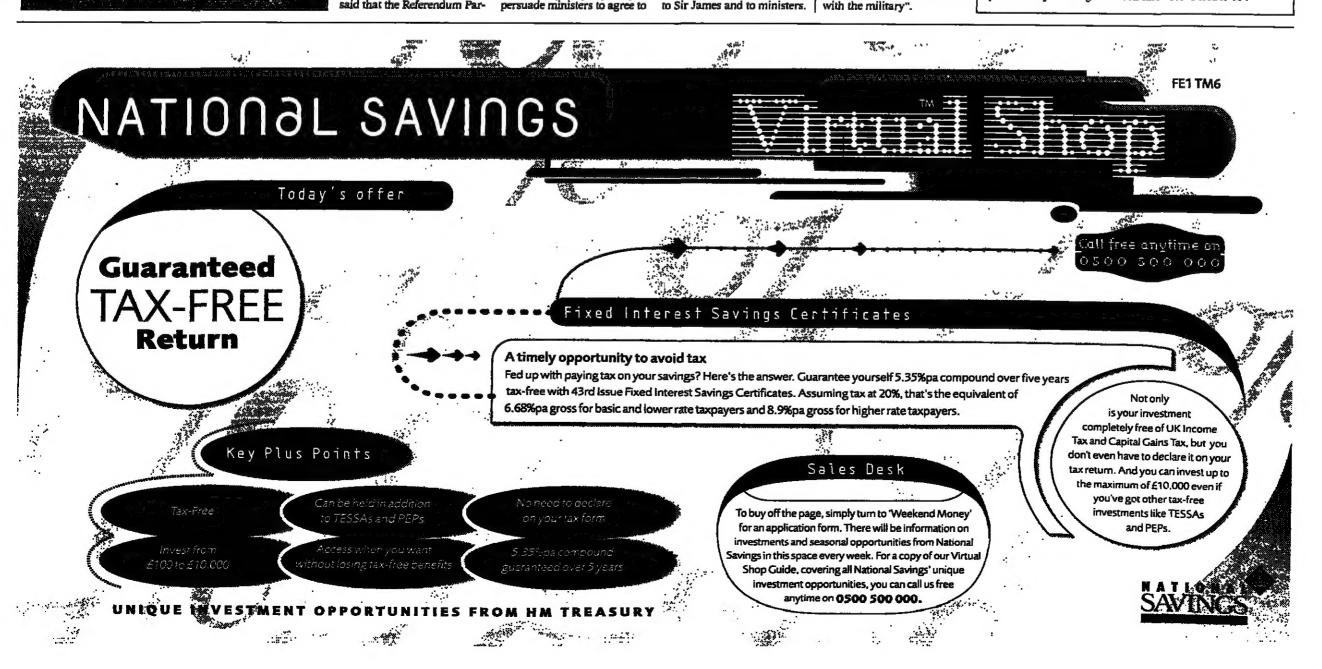
Asylum woman's plea

An athlete appealing against a refusal of political asylum in Britain yesterday claimed she would kill herself rather than return to Ethiopia. Birhan Abate Dagne, 18, a runner. says she suffered persecution as part of an ethnic minority. The Government denies any danger to her, and says that her original trip to England was financed by the Ethiopian

War murder charges



An 85-year-old refugee due to stand trial in Britain's first war crimes case appeared at the Old Bailey on three charges of murdering Jews during the Second World War. Szymon Serafinowicz, above, a retired carpenter from Banstead, Surrey, is accused of killing three Jews during the German occupation of Belorussia, now Belarus, in the winter of 1941-42. The trial is due to start on January 6, 1997, and is expected to last between two and three months but a preliminary hearing has been fixed for October 16.



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Actor accuses studios of promoting irresponsibly brutal films for the sake of box-office takings

Hoffman links massacres to Hollywood violence

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, AT THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

DUSTIN HOFFMAN, the Oscar-winning actor. launched a scathing attack vesterday on the big Hollywood studios, accusing them of producing a stream of violent, big-budget films because of an obsession with

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Speaking at the Cannes Film Festival where his latest film is being premiered, Hoffman referred to the recent mass murders in Dunblane and Tasmania. The 58-yearold actor, who worked as an attendant in a psychiatric hospital long before finding fame, said: "Are we really saying that screen violence doesn't have anything to do with these massacres?"

Hoffman, whose obsessive attention to detail has earned himself a reputation for being "difficult" on set, attacked the studios for screening gratuitous violence.

For the sake of the box-office takings, he said, the studios were ignoring its effect on the more unbalanced members of society: "How a film does in the box office has become more important than the film

Although he has starred in Hollywood successes such as The Graduate and Marathon Man. Hofiman said that the major studios were allowing commerce to strangle creativity. This, he said, put enormous pressures on a cast to



Hoffman with Anne Bancroft in The Graduate, a role for which he won an Oscar nomination

produce a film "that will make a lot of money". "The perception of a film seems to be connected to how much money it's making." If a film has not worked in the first weekend, "it's all over for it",

He said that his own production company, Punch, would be making six films costing less than £5 million each. Punch had "piles" of strong scripts which, he said, Hollywood's biggest players had rejected. There is a feeling that if a film can be made on a low budget, there is something wrong with it. It is easier to get studios to sign a cheque for \$100 million than \$10 million." he said.

in Hollywood, yet he was unable to persuade anyone to invest in a low-budget film about two children in Ireland during The Troubles: "It needed only \$3 million but we couldn't raise it." His latest film, David Mamet's American Buffalo, screened vesterday in Cannes, was made for less than £5 million.

He announced that Punch had signed a deal with Village Roadshow Pictures, a subsidiary of Village Roadshow Limited, Australia's largest entertainment corporation, which will allow Punch to make six films. The budget for each will be less than £6.5 million.

He recalled that, when he started making films in 1967. Hoffman is a powerful force no one would have predicted

that "we wouldn't even blink" at 1990s budgets of £66 million: "It's a different ball game now. I don't know why films are costing that much. It's not just the above-the-line salaries." Yet, he said, some of the best films in recent years were those made for "relative ly little money", such as Michael Radford's Il Postino.

He also drew analogies with the demise of Broadway. "One of the things that killed Broadway was the fact that plays cost \$60 or \$70 a ticket. Arthur Miller once said that he didn't write plays for these people. but for those who can't afford to go to the theatre."

Actors, he said, relished playing to students who get in on cut-price tickets: the students' excitement at being in the theatre exudes an "energy" that electrifies the actors' performances.

In contrast, he explained, people who pay \$70 for a ticket expect value for money. "Hollywood is doing the same stultifying thing and it's a killer," he said.

He also lamented the lost innocence of Cannes. The last time he came was in the 1970s when it was a village that happened to have a festival. Stars such as Gary Cooper felt free to walk around. Today, commerce rules. "There is a circus atmosphere. It feels like a film market not a film festival," he said.



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Hoffman besieged by the press yesterday. He lamented Cannes' lost innocence. "It feels like a film circus"

The star who graduated with dishonour

By KYLE SMITH

DUSTIN HOFFMAN has long been acknowledged by producers and co-stars as one of the biggest headaches in Hollywood. David Puttnam, producer of Agatha, called Hoffman "a worrisome American pest" and "malevolent" after the actor ordered the film to be rewritten

Hoffman's most notable foil was Laurence Olivier, who played a Nazi dentist who tortured Hoffman's character in Marathon Man. The film's screenwriter, William Goldman, wrote in his memoir Adventures in the Screen Trade that Hoffman insisted that Olivier. enfeebled and obviously in great pain,

get up and improvise a walking scene at length until his ankles swelled. Hoffman later stayed awake for an entire weekend before shooting a scene because, he said: "I thought it would give me a raspy voice." Olivier said: "My dear boy, why don't you try acting?"

Goldman also wrote that Hoffman held up shooting on the film for an hour over whether his character should have a torch by his bed. "In my opinion," Goldman wrote, "he didn't want the flashlight torch because he was afraid his fans would think him chicken."

Hoffman also brought his unique brand of irascibility to the set of Tootsie. Bill Murray, who played Hofiman's flatmate, said: "It was a hell ride. I came to the set the first day and there was Sydney Pollack [the director] and Dustin arguing over everything as if the whole crew was in the other room." Pollack received an Oscar nomination for the film but he said: "I'd give it up if I could have back the nine months I spent with Dustin making it."

Wolfgang Petersen, who directed Hoffman in Outbreak after filming Clint Eastwood's In the Line of Fire, said: "Clint came in the morning, did everything in two takes and said, 'Done. Let's play golf. Dustin is so obsessed with his work, he wakes up at three in the morning thinking about the scene, and then calls me at 5am." Was it exhausting? "You bet."

OJ Simpson flies in for **Oxford Union debate**

By JOANNA BALE

O.J. SIMPSON arrives in Britain today for a four-day media campaign to convince the world of his innocence.

The American actor and former footballer, who was controversially acquitted of murdering his former wife Nicole and her friend Ron Goldman, is hoping to be received in all more fair-minded way by those outside the United States, where he is considered a social-outcase hisspokesman said yesterday.

On Tuesday Simpson, 48, will speak at the Oxford Union, where he will be met by a small demonstration organised by a visiting Ameri-can politics student, Gretchen

She said: "We will be giving out leaflets on domestic violence because Simpson is a proven wife-beater. But most students, I'm afraid, are more curious than angry about him. He would never be allowed onto an American campus." The 1,200 free tickets for Oxford Union members dis-appeared within two hours,

said Paul Kenward, its president, who will be among a small number dining with Simpson beforehand. A thousand more students will watch on live television links in the union building.

Mr Kenward said: "There is an unprecedented amount of interest in this. We could have filled the debating chamber five times over." Simpson's visit will height

en controversy over the quality of debate at the union. In the 1980s, the former US Presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter addressed the audience. Last year one of its speakers was Jim Bowen, the television darts quiz show

The American actress Bo Derek has withdrawn at short notice in protest from the television show on which Simpson was due to give his first major interview since the trial. Miss Derek, who called Simpson a pariah, was a friend of his former wife. She had been booked for

Monday's edition of Granada

and Judy, hosted by Richard Madely and Judy Finnigan. presenters of the daytime programme This Morning. A Granada spokesman said: We are looking at other celebrities. It does not present an insurmountable problem." The singer Neil Diamond is still expected to appear.

Simpson arrives at Healt row this morning with his agent and a bodyguard on a Virgin flight from Los Ange les. He will stay at the Hyde Park Hotel in London and travel on a private jet to Manchester for his television appearance, for which he is being paid a nominal fl. Granada is paying the E40,000 cost of the trip, including the E20,000 fee of his publicist Max Clifford.

Mr Clifford, who claims that Simpson was the victim of a set-up by the Los Angeles police, said: The venom he receives in the States is just incredible, but in Britain people are more ambivalent owards him. I have told him that London is the best place in the world to open himself up to the media."

The golfing magazine Fore! is to interview Simpson at Selsdon Park Hotel golf club in Sanderstead, south London, on Sunday, where he will be playing. He will also meet executives of the Seat car company to discuss the possibility of appearing in a commercial. On Sunday evening Simpson will dine with his friend Michael Winner, the film director.

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Simpson in a Californian TV studio. He hopes for a more sympathetic hearing from British media

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BRICKLAYER and a former Royal Marine who unearthed a haul of "almost priceless" Celtic gold coins will be hundreds of thousands of pounds better off after an inquest yesterday.

Peter Beasley and his friend Peter Murphy will receive the market value for the coins after the jury at Alton, Hampshire, declared the find treasure trove and the property of the Crown. As the finders, the men are entitled to the proceeds. The 206 assorted gold coins date back to the end of the last century BC and the first century AD.

Mr Murphy, the former serviceman in his 50s, told the court that he stumbled across the find at a farm near Petersfield in March after four years of searching.

He said: "We were given permission by John Dalton, the farmer, to search his land with metal detectors. Up to this date I don't think we had come up with anything more than a few bits of scrap metal and the odd rusty nail or two." Hampshire. Mr Beasley, 55, said Mr Murphy suddenly shouted: "I've found a hoard". "I didn't

believe him at first and he had to shout three times before I cent pure gold." came over and saw that his was flushed with excitement." They took the haul home to

Waterlooville, near Portsmouth, and told Mr Dalton the following day before taking the coins to the Winchester Coroner for safe keeping. Four days later they returned to the same field and discovered 50 more coins.

John Orna-Ornstein, a curator and expert in Iron Age coins at the British Museum, described the find as "exceptionally exciting" and one of the strongest proofs that Celtic and Roman civilisations mixed before the Roman invasion of England.

He said the majority of the coins dated from 50BC, just before the Roman conquest. They had been minted by the

in what are now Sussex and

He said: "The Roman jewellery, the ring and the band, are very, very good quality gold, much better than today. The ring is about 99 per

He said the find was almost priceless. "Each coin would have been worth £1,000 at that time. This collection was worth more than £250,000. These hauls were buried because there were no banks so the safest place was clearly underground."

The jurors were told that, if they declared the finds treasure trove, they would be kept until an institution such as the British Museum could value them and pay Mr Murphy and Mr Beasley their appro-priate value, thought to be several hundred thousand pounds. The jury returned verdicts that the finds were treasure trove.

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IACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

Kevin Maxwell tells court of Oyston dinner

the late media tycoon Robert, told a court yesterday that he had dined with Owen Oyston and a model the millionaire is accused of raping, three years after the sex affack was alleged

to have taken place. Mr Maxwell told Liverpool Crown Court that he remembered the occasion in 1992 clearly because it was only hours before his arrest by the Serious Fraud Office on charges of which he has since been acquitted.

He said that he had met Mr Oyston, 62, at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane, London, and had drinks in Mr Oyston's hotel suite with the woman and Gill Bridge, who was Mr Oyston's personal assistant at the time. The four of them had



Maxwell leaving court at Liverpool yesterday

The model claims Mr Oyston raped her in 1989, when she was aged 18, on a fourposter bed at his mansion, Claughton Hall, near Lancas-ter. Mr Oyston denies the charges and the rape and in-decent assault of a girl aged 16.

Mr Maxwell said he had become friends with Mr Oyston after Mr Oyston wrote to him and his brother, Ian, offering condolences over their father's death in 1991.

Mr Oyston and the model had seemed to be on "perfectly amicable" terms, Mr Maxwell said. "There was no friction at all in the room. I remember assuming she was his girlfriend. I remember it with precision because it was only hours after the dinner that I was arrested by the Serious Fraud Office.

Earlier the head waiter at the Hilton, Angelo Sorelli, told the court that he had baked a special cake for the model's 21st birthday celebration in the in the hotel. He said he remembered Mr Oyston danc-ing with her, something he

A man and woman juror had earlier squeezed into the seat of a sports car parked at the court to test the claims of the second alleged victim that Mr Oyston had forced her to perform oral sex as they were driven to his home.

The hearing continues.







From dandy to invisible man: from left, the Johnnie Walker symbols in 1910, 1950, and the 1996 version

Walk on the mild side brings 'flash' whisky hero into spirit of the age

JOHNNIE WALKER is a reformed character. Gone are his suspiciously rakish good looks. He has completely lost face, and been stripped of his hands, legs, monocle, frilly shirt, gloves and

The striding figure known to millions of Scotch whisky drinkers as a symbol of the world's most valuable spirits brand has been radically altered, after market research showed that potential foreign customers saw him as too flash, too snobbish - and too English. The change is also part of wider image revamp to

attract younger drinkers.

Although the motto says "Born 1820, still going strong". Johnnie has featured on the bottles only since 1910, when he was sketched on the back of a menu by the cartoonist Tom Browne while lunching with George Paterson Walker and his brother Alexander. The Walkers were looking for a symbol for their newly relaunched range of blended whiskies and Browne went on to produce a series of advertisements featuring the striding character.

When Browne died the following year, Sir Bernard Partridge, the principals.

pal cartoonist of Punch, was hired to make minor changes. By the 1950s the figure had become gentler, with an impression reminiscent of Steed in the television series The Avengers. There has been no significant change for the past 30 years and the latest update is the most radical yet. It has been prompted by research which suggested that the figure of the country dandy was regarded in the United States and South-East Asia as too English, flash and snobby not the sort of person one would want to

Johnnie now is a faceless figure with a red jacket, hat, boots and cane.

The figure that originated as scribble on a menu took computer-led designers two years to update, testing 50 variations to produce "a visual shorthand for the brand". It was produced by the Identica consultancy in London, headed by Michael Peters, who said: "I want people to gasp when they see it." Johnnie Walker Scotch is blended in

Kilmarnock using whisky from 30 different distillers. Its most popular blend, Red Label, sold 90 million bottles last year, up 5.6 per cent on 1994, making it the bestselling Scotch and fourth most popular spirit in the world. The Black Label blend sold nearly 41 million bottles, up 6.3 per cent, while other blends such as Blue, Gold and Swing sold another 3.6 million bottles.



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Leukaemia girl describes life in never-ending tunnel

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

JAYMEE BOWEN, the Il-year-old girl refused chemotherapy on the NHS, has spoken of her dark days of depression as she continues her fight against leukaemia. The girl, once known only as Child B, said media atten-

tion had been unbearable at times, although she under-stood why her father sought publicity for her case. David Bowen, 32, took the Cam-bridge and Huntingdon Health Commission to the High Court in an attempt to force it into funding his

daughter's treatment last year. He failed after the commission argued that she had endured enough chemotherasurvival were so slim that the E75,000 cost of a second transplant could be better spent. The treatment has now been funded privately and Jaymee's leukaemia is in remission.

But in an interview with 1015 magazine in The Times



Jaymee: wants future decisions to be hers

today, Jaymee says that if her cancer returns she wants to make the decision whether to carry on. "I hope it doesn't face it. But I would rather no

depressed. I wasn't really up

one tells me what to do." She was very low at the time of the court case about her treatment. "I probably would have said 'No' to everything that came along. I was very

to it." She added: "Each time you get to the end of the tunnel you think, 'I'm nearly at the end," but the tunnel just gets longer. At the moment I can see it, but I've been there a couple of times before and it just gets further away."

Jaymee, who was being interviewed to coincide with the launch of a book about her, adds: "I like a bit of attention, but when you get that much attention it's hard. It got to the stage when I would walk out of the front door and people would be shouting at me to look at them. It was terrible. I didn't know

where to look." Jaymee, from Sawbridgeworth in Hertfordshire, is now undergoing donor lymphocyte jecting her sister's healthy blood cells into her body. One of the treatment's side-effects has been to give her a lung problem and she becomes breathless easily.

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Officer's daughter sold Ecstasy hours before fatal binge

THE daughter of a police superintendent died from a cocktail of drink and drugs after selling Ecstasy tablets to her friends, an inquest was told yesterday.

Claire Pierce might have been trying to achieve a better "high" by mixing Ecstasy with painkillers and alcohol before she died at an all-night party on Sunday morning, or could have done it in

Miss Pierce, 20, the only daughter of Superintendent Roy Pierce, of the Nottinghamshire force, took one and a half Ecstasy tablets, a large amount of alcohol including alcoholic lemonade, and about 20 Distalgesic painkillers. The fatal dose is about ten.

Dr Nigel Chapman, the Nottinghamshire Coroner, called for more education of young people about the dangers of drug abuse. "Claire came from a family where there is support and love," he said. "What chance is there when it is a family where there

is no support or love?

"Anyone thinking of taking a drug might consider the torment and agony Mr and Mrs Pierce are going through now. Perhaps they might reconsider whether they want to put their own parents through this horrible nightmare."

Detective Inspector Brian Dennis told the inquest in Nottingham that Claire went with her friend, Vicky Bur-

gium

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Ecstasy tablet.

Back at a friend's house in

Pierce complained of a head-

ache. She was seen swallow-

ing ten Distalgesics with

water. She put another strip of

mixture is commonly known on the rave scene to provide a

About 4am they went in two

cars to another house. Her

friends recalled that she was

extremely drunk and inco-

pleaded with her not to take

any more, but Miss Pierce told

her not to worry. She then

Mr Dennis said: "An hour

and a half later her friend

noticed she looked cold and

went to rub her hands to

warm her. Claire's head and

limbs had appeared to have

verdict of accidental death.

saying that she had died of

poisoning from the mixture of

alcohol and headache tablets

containing co-proxamol [Dist-

algesic), which had prevented

the breakdown of Ecstasy in

Dr Chapman recorded a

went to sleep on the floor.

ten tablets in her pocket.

Claire: mixed Ecstasy, alcohol and Distalgesic

pubs on Saturday evening. Earlier, at her home in Mansfield, she had drunk a can of cider and half-filled a bottle with vodka and orange to take with her. She showed her friend eight Ecstasy tablets. which she took with her.

A party of 12 people aged between 18 and 20 met at the Swan pub, then went by minibus to the Progress nightclub in Derby to celebrate a birthday. On the way, Claire asked members of the party if they wanted any Ecstasy and some were purchased on the minibus for £9 a tablet," Mr Dennis said. Claire sold five.

In the minibus she drank cider and the vodka and orange. She kept three Ecstasy tablets for herself and her friend. The group called at another pub in Derby where

> her blood. After the hearing Mr Pierce appealed to others not to take drugs. In a statement read by his colleague. Superintendent Mick Salt, he said: "To all those other beautiful young people out there, please reflect long and hard on Claire's tragic death and please, please, don't make the same mistake." Of his daughter he said: "Wherever she went she left a trail of fun and laughter in her wake and her death has left a void which can never be filled and a sense of numbness and disbelief with all her

many, many friends. Mr Salt said the family had not known that she was deal-



Angie Golding now holds services at home: "I'll be a fool for the Lord any day, but I won't be a fool for man"

Woman leads church boycott in row over evangelical 'pig-snorting'

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

been refused confirmation.

The walkout from St Mark's, a charismatic church

where phenomena such as

nature of the event.

tion for confirmation.

course organisers said

had misunderstood the

A WOMAN has walked out of her church and is holding services in her living room. because she says she cannot bring herself to "snort like a pig and bark like a dog" on a Church of England course. Angie Golding, 50. claims

she was denied confirmation unless she signed up for the Alpha course, which she says is a "brainwashing" exercise where participants speak in tongues, make animal noises and then fall over. She has left the evangelical St Mark's in Broadwater Down, Kent, with 14 members of the congregation and founded a church at home in Tunbridge Wells. She said: "I'll be a fool for the Lord any day, but I

won't be a fool for man. Thousands of Christians, However, the church last including many youngsters, developed over the past de-cade by London's leading evangelical church, Holy Trinity Brompton, in Knightsbridge. Charismatic congregations have been reporting phenomena such as barking,

wild laughing, crying and falling in an "outpouring of the Holy Spirit". Mr Cumberlege denied that speaking in tongues" are manifested, stems from a dispute which began after the vicar. the Rev Francis Cumberlege, set a June confir-Mrs Golding had been refused confirmation unless she mation date. Mrs Golding claims the curate, the Rev went on the course, and said Linda Currell, said she should the matter was a "misunder-standing". Ms Currell added: go on the Alpha course, a series of 15 lectures including 'St Mark's is running an Alpha course at the moment a residential weekend. When she refused, she claims, she which a number of people are was told the course went attending. Those being conhand-in-hand with preparafirmed this summer are attending the course as well."

Mark Elsdon-Dew, of Holy Trinity Brompton, said the tures on the Holy Spirit. "It affects different people in different ways. The whole point is not to end up doing anything weird or fanciful, but that it is an introduction to the Christian faith. More than 3,000 churches - Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and other denominations - are currently running Alpha courses. At least 250,000 people will do

the course this year." He said the course had the "overwhelming support" of Church leaders and theologians: "The suggestion of animal noises in connection with the course is unwarranted and could not have been made by anyone who is familiar with the material."

Krishna sect wins right to festivals

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE Hare Krishna movement yesterday won its long-running battle for the right to hold festivals at its temple in Hertfordshire.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, ruled yesterday in favour of the Hindu sect and against Hertsmere Borough Council and local residents by upholding a plan-ning inspector's decision.

It means that the Tudor manor at Letchmore Heath, donated to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness by George Harrison, can now be changed in the planning regulations from a theological college to a place

of Hindu worship.

The decision is likely to fuel fears among some residents of the village that the society is planning a big expansion of its operations. At a public inquiry last year Philip Marsh, chairman of the Letchmore Heath Village Trust, said: "If they get permission for public worship and their own access road, we will have absolutely no control over the numbers."

Festivals, which were ruled illegal by the local council and led to the movement being fined, have attracted up to 20,000 people. Villagers have expressed fears that legalising festivals by granting the manor a change of use will dramatically increase the number of visitors.

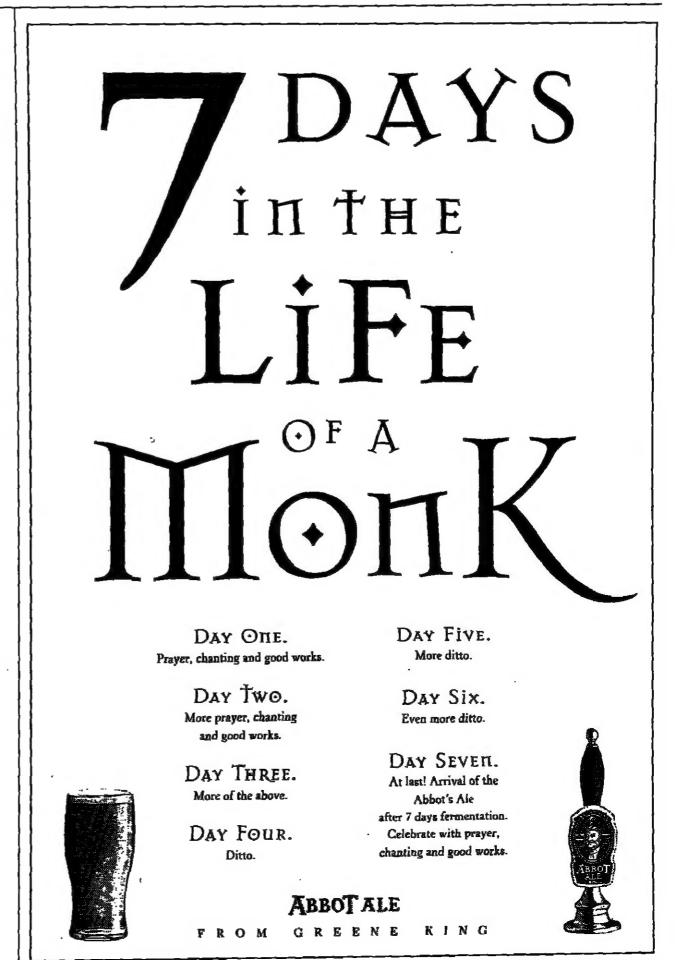
A spokesman for the Environment Department said yesterday that while numbers allowed to visit the temple were not being restricted, the use of loud speakers and fireworks was being limited to two key festivals. Mr Gummer has also sought assurances that there was sufficient car park-

ing space. Akhandadhi-das, for the society, said: "We are delighted." Most residents had supported the temple but he added: "A few diehards will be disappointed. They believe our pres-ence has a bad effect on house prices, which is what started

the whole thing II years ago". Mr Gummer said in a statement: "In this case I have concluded that the spiritual and religious needs of this section of the Hindu communin outweighed the harm the development would do to the



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Girls beat

boys at

bullying

Girls have replaced boys as the most likely playground bullies, according to a three-

year study of primary schools by Sheffield University. In

some schools, bullying by boys went down from 28 per

cent to 20 per cent. whereas the figure for girls rose from 20 per cent to 27 per cent. Mike Eslea, a psychologist at Sheffield, said: "We have

THE SUNDAY TIMES The shame of Srebrenica



It was the worst war crime in Europe since the second world war, yet the man who ordered the mass executions of Muslim prisoners after the fall of Srebrenica in Bosnia last year has yet to be brought to

justice. Why? Jon Swain, the distinguished war correspondent, begins a shocking report on a special investigation into an episode that shamed the West.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Cambridge accused of double standards in tobacco gift row

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE dons campaigning for the university to reject a El.6 million gift from BAT Industries were accused of double standards by the tobacco company yesterday.

Opponents of the gift, which would set up a professorship in the name of Sir Patrick Sheehy, the former BAT chair-

man, are trying to force the

issue to a vote of all 3,300 members of the university. They are not, however, op-posing an honorary doctorate for Hamish Maxwell, chairman of the American tobacco giants Philip Morris, Mr Maxwell, a Cambridge gradu-ate, is said to be the university's biggest fundraiser in America, with personal dona-

tions amounting to over \$1 million (£666,000). Nick Day, director of the Institute of Public Health at Cambridge and a vehement opponent of the BAT sponsorship, wrote in The Times Higher Education Supplement yesterday that the BAT



Sir Patrick Sheehy: former head of BAT

offer was "totally unaccept-able". He added: "British universities are still highly esteemed for their intellectual independence and moral in-tegrity, both of which the BAT deal would be perceived to compromise."

The Maxwell doctorate was "not something I would go to the barricades over". Profes-sor Day added: "Just because he was head of Philip Morris

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other quite laudable things."
Michael Prideaux, a spokesman for BAT, said: "I do not understand this at all. It certainly smacks of double standards." He said Sir Patrick had helped to save the £3 million Royal Commonwealth Library and bring it to Cambridge. "No one complained about that," Mr Prideaux said. "I just wish people would be consistent."

The official announcement

of Mr Maxwell's honorary doctorate of laws, to be presented next month, makes no mention of his tobacco company background. It refers instead to his positions as honorary fellow of Trinity College and chairman of the American Friends of Cambridge University, which raises up to \$4 million (£2.6 million) a year.

One option discussed by

leading academics this week involves renaming the pro-posed BAT scholarships for overseas students after Eagle Star, the company's financial



Moss Evans, former secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has become Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. He said: "Some people think I have joined the Establishment but being mayor is an elected position"

40 for 'top soccer thug'

was Britain's top soccer hooli-gan has died after collapsing in a Spanish bar. The identifi cation of Paul Scarrott's body was helped by the fact that he had the word "Forest" tattooed

on his inner lip.
The Nottingham Forest fol-lower was aged 40, and had 40 convictions for football violence, including assault, damage and carrying weapons. He was jailed 13 times.

He was drinking with friends in Barcelona when he



Scarrott: jailed 13 times

Life ends at

A MAN who boasted that he

Scarrott, a cable-layer from Calverton, Nottinghamshire, was thrown out of Italy at the start of the 1990 World Cup and had been banned from all three of his home county's professional league grounds

Forest, County and Mansfield. His last court appearance was in August 1995, caused by a clash in a Southampton pub after an away match. He told reporters: "I am the worst football hooligan in the country, and I am proud

collapsed. He had also been taking steroids. A postmortem examination is to be held. His body will be brought

available from all good pen shops

got some surprising findings in that it was difficult to reduce girls bullying. They tend to bully in less obvious ways, such as exclusion and spreading nasty rumours, but they are also just as likely as boys to hit or kick victims." Geldof divorce

Bob Geldof and Paula Yates were granted a "quickie" divorce at Somerset House, central London. The uncont-ested decree nisi, on the grounds of Mr Geldof's admitted adultery with an unnamed woman, means the divorce will be made absolute

Fire death trial

Martin Cody. 20, a security guard from Knowle, Bristol, was sent for trial accused of killing Fleur Lombard, 21, a sine fried London, 21, a firefighter who died in a supermarket blaze at Staple Hill, Bristol, on February 4. Bristol Crown Court was told that Mr Cody would deny manslaughter and arson.

Rovers recalled

Rover is recalling more than 20,000 of its 600 series cars built between December 1994 and December 1995 because mounting bolts on the steering rack have worked loose on some cars. Rover said that drivers affected would have noticed a rattle and "an imprecise feel" to the steering.

Dunblane baby

Lynne McMaster, 36, whose five-year-old daughter Vic-toria was killed in the Dunblane massacre, has given birth to a son, Paul Victor, named in memory of his sister. Mrs McMaster was shown on television screens worldwide calling her daugh-ter's name outside the school.

Worth its salt

An Elizabethan silver salt cellar has been returned to its former home in Newport. Gwent, with the aid of a £123,540 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The 8in Tredegar Salt, made in 1598. will be displayed at Tredegar House, from which it was

Handgun arrest

A 29-year-old man has been arrested for the attempted murder of a policeman in Exeter. Inspector Ray Lloyd was unhort in the incident, in which a handgun was fired at his head during a struggle with an attacker.

Place to Dai

A crematorium at Aberyst wyth believes it will be the first to advertise on British television, with a 30-second slot on S4C. Simon Field, its managing director, said: "We wanted to show how convenient our facilities are."

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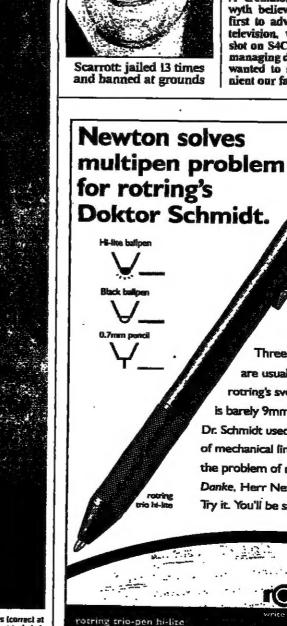
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Beethoven faces the music for taking notes from lesser men

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BEETHOVEN rolled over many of his most famous tunes from the work of obscure composers, a leading conductor has discovered.

John Eliot Gardiner, director of the Monteverdi choir and orches-t; tra and of the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique, says that the composer borrowed motifs and ideas, including the opening of his Fifth Symphony.

Gardiner, who has recorded a complete set of Beethoven's work. from a Hymn to Agriculture will outline his case in Sunday's written by the French composer

South Bank Show on ITV. Yester-day he said: While he was growing up in Bonn, Beethoven heard a lot of the French Revolutionary music of the 1780s and 90s. "I started with the Fifth Sympho-

ny and discovered there were three French tunes he used in it. The famous opening with fate knocking at the door is a straight lift from Dithyrambique by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, the man who wrote the Marseillaise. "The last movement of the

Pastoral Symphony was borrowed

the Seventh Symphony came from a piece written by a Belgian, François Gossec. Its first move-ment, featuring the famous horns. is very similar to the way they are used in The Hunt of Young King Henry IV by Etienne Mehul."

Mr Gardiner added: "It is not plagiarism. It is the debt genius owes to the second-rate. He transferred ordinary lines of music into something that was sublime. It is very interesting, because it changes one's attitude towards him. He comes over as a revolu-

garret."

Musicologists did not contest Mr Gardiner's claims yesterday. Stanley Sadie, editor of the New Grove Dictionary of Music, said: There is a limited musical vocabulary available to any composer. No one says that any composer's every idea must be brilliantly original. If Beethoven picked up ideas and phrases from others whose music he heard, he was just

like any other compos Misha Donat, a BBC producer writing a book on Beethoven, said: "We knew Beethoven was influ-

Lefevre and the final movement of obscure man slaving away in a enced by the French rescue operas of the period when he wrote Fidelio, and some of the piano sonatas have resemblances to Clementi piano sonatas, but it was not the sort of influence that was firsthand or direct in any way."

Curtis Price, principal of the Royal Academy of Music, said: "I would like to hear the evidence. It would not surprise me at all if there were similarities, but it would surprise me if they were direct quotations. Beethoven was certainly steeped in music all his life. The opening of the Fifth is, so terse that anyone might have come

up with the notes." Mr Price said that the law on musical plagiarism depended not on mere melodic resemblance but required proof that the accused used a characteristic "hook" that could be identified in the original work, that he had heard the original music and that

he copied it with intent.
"I think Beethoven would have got off if he was charged with plagiarism, and even if he was convicted I think we would have

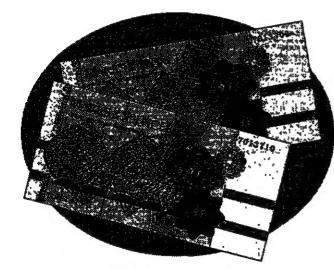
wanted him pardoned," he said. The musicologist H. C. Robbins Landon, whose definitive Beethoven: a documentary biography

from his home in France. "I have no doubt that what Gardiner says is all perfectly true, but my reaction is 'So what?' They said this about Mozart, Haydn and Handel. Of course Beethoven would have been influenced by French Revolu-

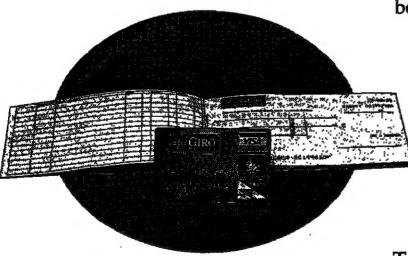
tionary music." Mr Robbins Landon said Beethoven's Revolutionary sympathies were well known, particularly his dedication of the Eroica symphony to Napoleon and how he scored the dedication out in a rage of disillusion when Napoleon

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Archives vital to digital TV hopes

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC's archives will play Army, for example, is a very a large part in the corporaplans to be a world leader in digital television, John Birt, the Director-General, said yesterday. Although the BBC could not

mercial broadcasters for film and sports rights, it would have a unique advantage in the multichannel world: the largest and most comprehen-sive, wholly owned collection, containing more than a mil-lion cans of film and tape. "The ability to adorn what we do now with archive mate-

rial can be of extraordinary value if used properly and sensibly. We have harely touched the surface in using our archive. It is full of thousands of hours of wonderful programmes," Mr Birt said. He added that television was finally being accepted as

Grave in 20 years' time. The sheer wonder of nature that David Attenborough has opened to us through his natural history programming has become an equally important part of our heritage." The archive will also be an important part of the planned free to air digital "side chan-nels". A documentary on Spike Milligan, for example, on BBC2 could be accompa-

important part of the national

experience. People will feet

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nied by a showing of his Q series of sketch shows on a side channel, Mr Birt said. Although he estimates that by 2005 at least half of households will be able to receive digital television, Mr Birt believes that BBCs I and 2 ITV. Channel 4 and the forthcoming Channel 5 will still have 65 to 75 per cent of an important part of Britain's still have 65 to 75 p cultural heritage. "Dad's the audience share.

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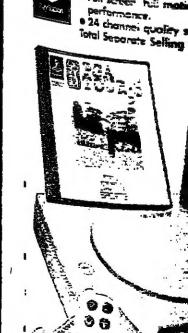
shed at the back of the brewery and imagine what life to could have been like if there were monks and an abbey.



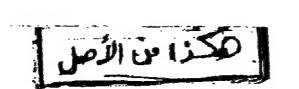


Britain at for tackles









Britain at forefront of project to study why, 'when the Sun sneezes, the Earth can catch a cold'

Fleet of satellites tackles mysteries in the solar wind

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A FLEET of four spacecraft is to study the hail of charged particles, ejected from explosions on the Sun, that can disrupt telecommunications, damage satellites, black out cities and send ships' compasses havwire.

The countdown to Cluster, a £500 million European-American space mission, has begun. The four satellites blast off from French Guiana aboard the new Arianne 5 rocket on May 30.

The mission, in which British scientists are heavily involved, aims to unravel the mysteries of the so-called "so-lar wind" that influences life on earth by triggering mag-netic and electrical storms. A titanic battle, normally invisible to the human eye, is waged daily between the wind and the fields surrounding Earth, the magnetosphere.

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The four identical spacecraft - 2.7m long and weighing a tonne - will fly in tetrahedral formation along a polar orbit between 25,000km and 140,000km high. They will fly through the Earth's magnetic fields, monitoring the size, nature and behaviour of the solar wind - the stream of electrons and charged atoms

tosphere, providing the first three-dimensional analysis of the wind.

Britain has a £50 million stake in the mission, provid-ing a number of the instruments. The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory near Oxford has been chosen to act as the scientific operations centre. Other British universities involved include Sheffield, Imperial College and Sussex.

Researchers estimate that explosions on the Sun dispatch magnetic and electrical particles towards the Earth equivalent to 100,000 million watts. Professor Alan John-stone of the Mullard Space Science Laboratory at University College London said yesterday: "Most people think of space as being black and empty. But the electrical energy that flows from the Sun to the Earth is considerable. It is roughly equal to the amount of electricity used on Earth

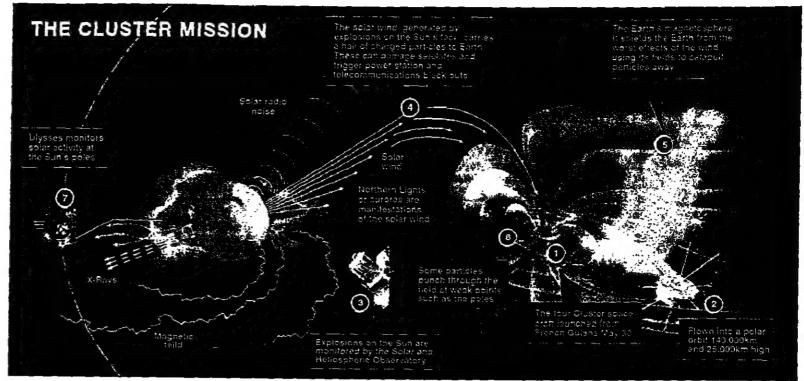
Fortunately for life on Earth, the magnetosphere acts like a goalkeeper, using its magnetic lines to bounce most of the Sun's particles away. However, after big explosions on the Sun, the hail of particles can be so huge that Earth's defence's are partially over-whelmed. The impact, caused

by the charged particles discharging in the atmosphere, results in the spectacular auroras, or Northern Lights, that illuminate the polar regions. They result from gaps in the protective field allowing the charged particles to percolate

through. Scientists suspect that there are also times when solar winds punch through the front of the protective field, finding other weak spots that conduct them to the atmosphere. Widespread penetration can alter the ionosphere, the area in which radio and television transmissions travel, causing them to be blacked out.

Expensive satellites have also been disabled; astronauts on space walks have been put at risk; and ships have been sent off course as the Earth's magnetic field alters in re-sponse to the impact of the magnetic and electrical storms. In Quebec in 1989, such a storm caused electricity systems to trip, blacking out the city for nine hours.

"We are increasing the amount of electrical power we use and the sensitivity of all our electrical systems. We are finding ourselves more susceptible to the electrical environment surrounding Earth," Professor Johnstone said, Oth-



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Scientists involved in Cluster include, left to right, Andre Balogh of Imperial College, Hugo Alleyne of Sheffield University, and Alan Johnstone

er scientists believe there is a link between the size of the solar wind and the Earth's weather. Some researchers have also found a link between increased solar flares and rising worldwide temperatures, challenging the notion that pollution underpins glob-

al warming. Dr Paul Murdin, head of astronomy at the Particle Physics and Astronomy Re-search Council and director of science at the British National Space Centre, said they were effectively studying space wea-ther generated by the Sun. He likened the explosions on the Sun's face to its sneezing: "And when the Sun sneezes, we have the possibility of catching



Elusive monkey-eating eagle risks extinction as rainforests disappear



Great Philippine eagle

By Leyla LINTON

THE great Philippine eagle, one of the endangered species smuggled into Britain by the convicted wildlife dealer Nicolaas Peters, faces extinction by 2025

The eagle, which eats monkeys, was rare even when John White-head, a British explorer, discovered it a hundred years ago, and named it Pithecophaga jefferyi after his father, who funded the trip.

Dr Nigel Collar, a research fellow at the conservation charity BirdLife International, and an expert in the species, said yesterday: "It was a because this bird is so large and distinctive. There is nothing else like it on the planet. The discovery was also unexpected because the Philippines had been very thoroughly explored. It was stunning news."

The great Philippine eagle hides under the canopy of trees and hunts by stealth. Its usual prey is flying squirrels or occasionally monkeys. Recently researchers who spent several years in its natural habitat. the rainforest, managed to catch sight of it only three times.

There are thought to be only 200 of the species still in existence, according to Dr Collar, and they can

Philippines. The greatest threat to the eagle is the destruction of the rainforest. It also reproduces very slowly. A pair normally hatches one chick every two years, which for many weeks remains dependent on its parents. As the species is forced into ever more isolated stretches of

"Unless some urgent and conclusive action to save large areas of the forest is taken, by the year 2025 the eagles will no longer be able to recover their numbers," Dr Collar

rainforest, the danger of in-breeding

Awareness of the eagle's plight is

eagle, declared the national bird of mania, joins the great white shark, the country by President Marcos in the 1970s after pressure from American researchers, will become the

flagship of the rainforest.

He said: There is a level of biological diversity of plants there which are unique to the Philippines and, if we win the battle to save this eagle, we could also save up to 50 other species of rainforest birds are threatened with

A fish that prefers to walk on its "hands" rather than swim is among more than a hundred species of major and extraordinary discovery be found only on four islands in the growing. Dr Collar hopes that the spotted hand-fish, a native of Tas- ocean floor, using its pectoral and October.

Atlantic halibut and seahorses as one of 131 species in need of urgent protection, the Institute of Zoology

report says. The species has been hit by overfishing, the aquarium trade, pollution, habitat loss, the import of alien species in ship's ballasts and oil and gas exploration.
Studies by scientists have shown

that numbers of spotted hand-fish, Brachionichthys hirsutus, have dropped alarmingly since the 1980s. The fish, which lives in and around the Derwent estuary in southeast Tasmania, lives on the

pelvic fins to "walk". The pectoral or side fins are extensions resembling the human hand.

This curious behaviour makes them a popular display animal in aquaria and they are highly valued on the international aquaria market at more than \$1,000 (£660) a specimen." the report says.

The scientists believe that illegal collectors and the destruction of the fish's eggs by imported alien star-fish are behind the hand-fish's decline. The species will be put on the World Conservation Union's red list of the globe's most endangered



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Clarke promises to reject tax cuts as election bribe

blow to Tory hopes of big prewhen he told the party's Scottish conference that he would not try to bribe the

Kenneth Clarke committed himself to moving towards a 20p income tax band, but said: toring our reputation for competence, and regaining the trust of the British people does not involve buying votes through tax cuts that will not

"I have too high a regard for the British people to try and bribe them with tax cuts we can't afford. We cut taxes when - and only when - it is sensible to do so, when our finances can afford those cuts, and after key public services have been properly funded. It is on that basis that we are committed to bring the standard rate of income tax down to 20p. We will do so when we can afford it. It is a promise we

The speech, the strongest warning yet that Britain cannot expect automatic tax cuts in the next Budget, will put Mr Clarke on a collision course with right-wing Tory MPs. There has been a growing clamour on the back benches for large cuts to give the party clear advantage over

Speaking in the economic

debate, Jill Wisley, the Tory candidate for Aberdeen Central, said that the boardroom fat cats saga had damaged the Government. "There is a real feeling of distaste at the disproportionate remuneration

of some senior executives."

To loud applause she added that the Government had to begin the process of restoring tax allowances to the traditional nuclear family. "You could make a commitment to reintroduce tax relief to parents who are bringing up the next generation. Prior to 1980, as the child grew so did the tax allowance. Parents are the stoical unsung heroes we should reward."

Kevin Newton, candidate for Dunfermline West, said announce an immediate lp in the pound cut in income tax. He recommended repeating the process every year for the next three years. "Let's make a 20p basic rate of income tax a reality. And prove to the City that we can take the tough decisions on

public expenditure."

Mr Newton drew loud cheers when he said "No" to a single currency. "No in this year, no next year. Never will Conservatives give up the British pound."

ference, held in Aberdeen, by highlighting Tory achieve-

Treasure seekers find law change a nuisance

By ALICE THOMSON

TREASURE seekers face steep fines or a jail sentence for failing to report their finds promptly under a reform of medieval laws agreed by MPs

yesterday.

A Bill introduced by the backbench Tory Sir Anthony Grant is intended to replace introduced by Richard the Lionheart as an emergency measure during the Cru-sades. The Bill, which has government backing, was given its third reading unopposed and is likely to become law next month, ending the tradition of "finders keepers".

The Bill has fuelled animosity between archaeologists and landowners and metal detector enthusiasts and dealers. It it becomes law failure to report the discovery of any artifact within two weeks will be an offence punishable by a fine of £5,000 or three months in prison. Landowners will also have to be informed of finds on their property. The definition of treasure will be clarified and extended to cover coins more than 300 years old, items made of non-precious metal, including valuable jewellery.

and any container. The British Museum has lobbied hard to have the ancient laws changed because







Richard L who introduced treasure trove in 1195, and Sir Anthony Grant, who hopes to update the law and save more artifacts for the nation. Metal detector enthusiasts fear that ministers are moving towards a ban on their hobby

enforce and were robbing the the years they have been kept in place to benefit impecunious members of the Royal Family.

Before the establishment of banks, people buried their treasure for safe-keeping. If they failed to return for it any gold and silver items discovered were classified as treasure trove and became the property of the Crown. Treasure deemed to have been lost or abandoned became the property of the finder.

Juries still have to decide whether gold or silver arti-

it said they were impossible to abandoned. If the Government cannot prove that trea-sure was hidden, the finders can sell to the highest bidder, often a foreign buyer rather than a British museum.

Archaeologists' concern was heightened a decade ago when a Roman temple at Wanborough in Surrey, was plundered and about £1.5 million worth of Iron Age and Roman coins disappeared.

But many of Britain's 30,000 metal detector users have been outraged by the Bill. On average they find 400,000 items a year and have been holding extensive briefings with ministers, who

titiously to ban their hobby. The National Council of Metal Detecting believes that many of its members will give up because there will be no incentives to find treasure or will resort to looting. The Earl of Perth, who has

championed the Bill in the Lords, said: "Metal-detecting enthusiasts are responsible for a 70 per cent increase in finds and by the beginning of the century there will proba-bly be nothing left." he said. "I am thrilled this Bill is finally going through because it might save a few gems for

Ian Sproat, the National Heritage Minister, denied

that metal detector users were being hounded saying that his wife was "quite obsessive" about the hobby. Most people would be allowed to keep their finds and would be well rewarded for anything taken from them.

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But the archaeologists and museums say that the Bill is only the beginning. Many would like a ban on metal detecting as in Ireland. A spokesman for the Council for British Archaeology said: Metal detecting is a working-class hobby followed by people who regard archaeologists as elitist because we don't publish excavation re-

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ments and saying that the Government had learnt the lesson of the recession. Our

recovery is now in its fourth year. Output is nearly already

before the recession. Unem-

ployment is down by over three quarters of a million. It is still too high, and I am determined to get it lower. But

we are making real process.

cent in the last two years. Inflation has been below 4 per

cent for three and a half years.

That's the longest period of inflation at that level for

almost half a century.*

He attacked Labour's plans

for a tax-raising Scottish par-liament, which he said would

cost the average family more

than £300 a year. He asked: "How would the 3p be collect-

ed? Would all Scottish taxpay-

ers have to complete a

separate tartan tax return? How would Scottish banks

compete with English banks if

they were forced to deduct

more tax from their interest

payments? How would savers

"The only thing we know for sure is that Labour's 3p tartan tax would damage Scotland and damage Scotlish busi-

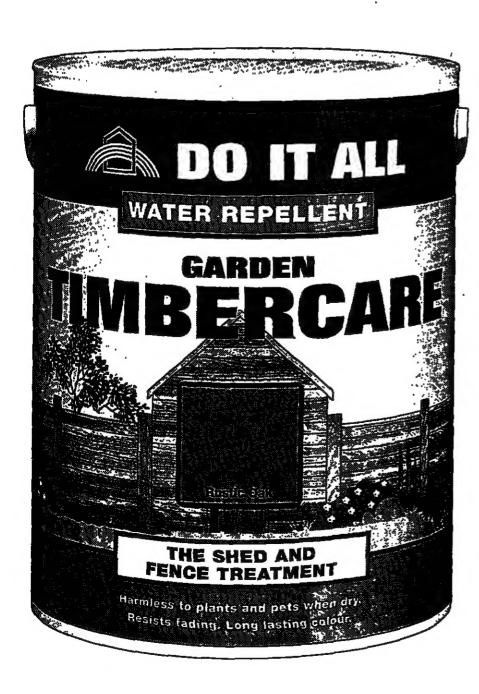
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jobs, and lower income here in

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LET'S DO UP BRITAIN!

Blair presses case for child benefit reform

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR signalled his intention yesterday to press ahead with controversial plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds.

In a speech to Labour's Welsh conference he claimed that it was now the party of One Nation Radicals, saying that it would have to "discard old baggage" and make tough decisions on wel-fare, education and the

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has met strong opposition to his proposals to make child benefit cuts and direct the savings to children from poorer families who stay on at school. But yesterday Mr point in teling colleagues, as a constantly do, that we have to face up to tough choices if. the moment the choices loom. we seek solace in the status

He said Labour was now reviewing post 16-education funding. Too few of our young people are staying on at school. Too few are going to university. It makes absolute sense to look hard at all the sources of money in this area and to review the present system and see whether it's fair, whether it's efficient. whether the money could not be better used in extending opportunity for people cur-rently denied it." Labour, not the Tories, was

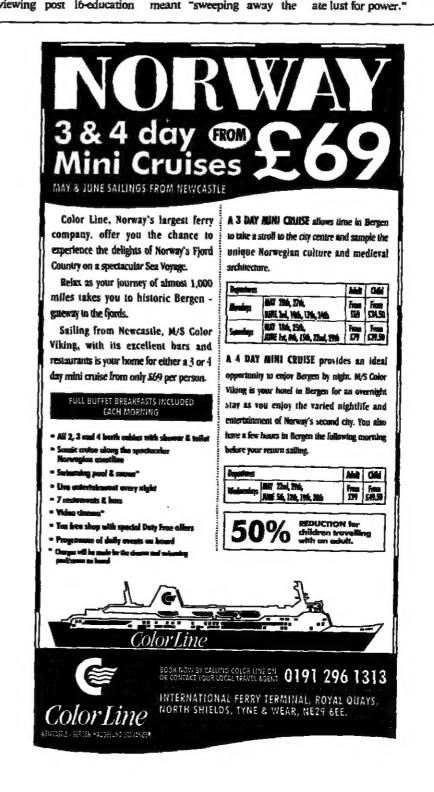
now the One Nation party. New Labour, a party of One Nation radicals that aspires to the creation of a Britain that is cohesive and united, in which the rights we enjoy are matched by the responsibil-

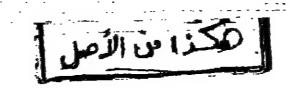
One Nation radicalism meant rebuilding the health service and replacing GP fundholding with GP commissioning. It meant devolving power and setting up Scottish and Welsh parliaments. It also

vested interests of the old Establishment and ensuring that Britain became a truly meritocratic country"

In the light of the Westmin-ster City Council scandal, Mr Blair branded the Tories a 'degenerate party'. He said the Government loved lecturing people about right and wrong but had long since ceased to know the difference. The District Auditor's investigation into the use of millions of pounds of public money to rig elections revealed a tale of cynicism, contempt and corruption. This is not just about a Tory council . . . , however It is about the morality of our governing party. It is about about the depths to which the Tories will stoop,"

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, said: "This is a disgraceful smear from a man whose stories are getting taller and taller in his desper-





Jewry needs shepherds to gather lost sheep

A CRISIS of declining numbers besets the Jewish world and poses a grave threat to the future of the diaspora. Fifty years after a third of the world's Jews perished in the Holocaust, rabbis and communal leaders in Britain and elsewhere tremble before the spectre of communities liable to auto-destruct through indifference, assimilation and, above all, intermarriage.

Is this dismal scenario inevitable? Through conversations with many people on the fringes of Jewish life. mostly of part-Jewish descent, I have come to appreciate that strong feelings of Jewishness may exist and resurface in those whose up-bringing was devoid of Jewish input. Unless they have the necessary maternal ancestry, these "lost Jews" are denied Jewish status. So, unlike "lapsed Catholics", they of-ten find themselves in a predica-



Emma Klein

ment where they are paying, as i were, for the sins of their fathers. One woman told me: "My grandfather made a choice to marry out and my father also did, yet that wasn't necessarily a choice I had to make." In choosing to identify as Jewish, she, like others, has had to contend both with her family's negative attitude and ostracism from the Jewish Establishment.

A young man, also with one Jewish grandfather, has started a process of conversion and hopes to become ultra-orthodox. His goal is to ensure the Jewishness of his

great-great-grandchildren going through what I'm going through." Most lost Jews are not so single-minded in their commitment. Many, like non-lews, need a spiritual home and are wounded if denied the opportunity to explore their identity within a Jewish context. Too often these and others who are fully Jewish by birth, but not affiliated to a synagogue, experience rejection. Since the Jewish Establishment, like its Anglican and Roman Catholic counterparts, is struggling to retain the allegiance of its nominal adherents, such a

policy seems short-sighted. Jewish officialdom would do well to take a look at the practices of the pre-Christian era. Before the Emperor Constantine's ban on conversions, Judaism encouraged proselytes from among Gentiles. Certainly in biblical times the sons



included within the fold. The Patriarch Jacob did not reject the Egyptianised sons of his beloved Joseph, but blessed them as his seed: "As Reuben and Simeon, they

shall be mine" (Genesis xlviii, 5).

The Jewish world today needs shepherds ready to gather in the lost sheep of Israel. There are a few leading theologians who appreciate how deeply Judaism can touch those who claim it as their heritage

and would wish to reintegrate them. One is the orthodox French rabbi Josy Eisenberg, who proposes reintegration rather than conversion for children of Jewish fathers.

Like others, he recognises the tradition which sees lost Jews and prospective converts as possessing a soul of Jewish origin seeking to return to its source. Such a return was experienced by a woman with one Jewish great-grandparent, who converted with her two children. Her feelings, and those of many others, are encapsulated by the Russian-Jewish poet Osip Mandelstam: "As the smallest amount of musk fills an entire house, so the least influence of Judaism over-flows the whole of one's life."

Emma Klein is Jewish correspondent of The Tablet and author of Lost Jews (Macmillan: £12.99)

Bishop urges islanders to fight end of abortion ban

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND PHILIP JEUNE

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth has stepped into the abortion debate in the Channel Islands with a strongly worded pastoral let-ter urging all Catholics to oppose legalised abortion.

In a letter to the Channel Islands' 14,000-plus Catholics, the Right Rev Crispian Hollis urges them to challenge the proposed legislation, which would make the "unspeakable crime" of abortion "everyday practice in these islands".

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Jersey's Government is due to debate the final draft of its portion law in a few weeks, having approved legislation in frinciple two years ago. Guernsey's politicians will de-late the subject for the first ime at the end of the month. in Guernsey, the penalty for procuring an abortion can be rom three years' imprison-nent to life. Channel Island vomen travel to the mainland for legal abortions: 349 of them did so in 1994. In his



Bishop Hollis: wrote to islands' Catholics

letter, distributed to congrega-tions throughout the islands, Bishop Hollis says: "Abortion is the deliberate killing of a human being in the initial phase of existence."

The bishop, considered one of the likely contenders to succeed the late Archbishop Derek Worlock in Liverpool, says: "Faced with the deliberate killing of defenceless human beings that abortion involves, we cannot but cry out in our attempts to prevent legislation which will make

abortion public policy."

He says it helps no one to condemn in "a cold and unfeeling way" but what a woman with an unwanted pregnancy most needs is "love, care and understanding for her in the agony she faces".

The bishop's intervention was welcomed by Canon David Mahy, the head of Jersey's Catholic community, who said there was still time to oppose the legislation, initially approved by only two votes. Floria Hagg, president of the Jersey-based pressure group isnce for Lite, said: "There is a real chance of overturning

Constable Jack Roche, president of Jersey's health authority, thought it unlikely that the island's politicians would change their minds. "We've been careful to draw up the egislation as they wanted it." If approved, the legislation

will allow a woman to choose to have an abortion up to the end of the tenth week of pregnancy.

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Father Peter with a sample export: looking for a buyer to take over business

Monks fear pottery trade will end in sack and ashes

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

business saviour to rescue their world-renowned pottery. The Benedictines at Prinknash Abbey, near Gloucester. say that they need to find a buyer within the next few nonths or they will end production with the loss of up to 27 jobs for their

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The Prinknash Pottery includes distinctive black-andgold wine goblets and pewterelazed ware which is sold in more than 20 countries and has an annual turnover of £1 million.

However, after a number of years of difficult trading, it has become the latest casualty of the 1990s economic climate. Many of the gift shops that sold the pottery in Britain have closed and an export

MONKS are looking for a drive increased the abbey's

The abbey prior, Father Peter, said: "It has been decided by the community that we have got to look for a buyer for the manufacturing are confident a buyer can be found who will put in what we regard as the necessary funds for reinvestment in plant and machinery, which we have been unable to supply over

the past few years. The abbey made headlines a few years ago when it stopped serving three-course meals - with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding - to passing beggars and wayfarers. Word had passed round the country's New Age travellers and hippies who flocked from far and wide to sample the

abbey's hospitality. Numbers fell back dramatically when the monks began serving a sparser fare of soup and

The pottery began 50 years Cotswold hills overlooking Gloucester. After gift shops closed, the monks tried to compensate by increasing their export markets. Sales but costs have risen

1895 by Abbot Carlyle, has 30 monks and attracts 120,000 visitors a year. Fifty-five people are employed at the abbey, where other occupations include incense making gardening. stained-glass work, rosaries, printing and pipe-organ making.

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Hospital theft defies curse of holy stones

By Lin Jenkins

stones from outside the entrance to a hospital in Edinburgh would be advised to return them. Legend has it that anyone moving the Passion Stones, relics from a chapel of the patron saint of plague victims, has met an untimely end.

The 2ft-high, ornate sand-stone bosses disappeared from pedestals outside Astley Ainslie Hospital this week. A spokeswoman for the Edinburgh Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, said she thought the curse "could be an added incentive for the thieves to return them".

The sick have been treated on the site of the modern hospital for centuries. In the Middle Ages, the ancient for-est of Burgh Muir was remote and secluded from the city, making it the ideal place for plague victims to be quaran-tined and, in most cases, to die. In 1507, a chapel dedicated to St Roque was built in what is now the grounds of the hospital. St Roque, born in Narbonne, France, tended sufferers of the plague and him-

self died of it in 1327.

After the Reformation the chapel fell into disuse and eventually into ruin. The last outbreak was in 1645. But, and clearing work began, so many workmen died in accidents that their colleagues refused to carry on.

The large fragments of ec-clesiastical stone that remained in the hospital grounds are carved with late Gothic foliage and symbols of Christ's passion. "They are very heavy. It would take two people to lift them so I cannot imagine how they did it without being seen," the spokeswoman said. "They are an ancient monument of Scotland and we would like them back."

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Australia agrees to sweeping guns ban days after killings

DRACONIAN anti-gun laws aimed at removing a wide range of firearms from civilian ownership received over-whelming backing from Australia's state and territory governments yesterday. The unprecedented agree-

ment at a special gun summit hosted by John Howard, the Prime Minister, in Canberra. will, in effect, ban the sale and possession of all automatic and semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. Mr Howard said the necessary legislation and regulations would be passed as soon as possible.

The only exceptions will be farmers who will face stringent tests and have to prove to police that they have a special, genuine need to be able to keep low-powered self-loading

The meeting of police minis-ters also agreed to set up a national licensing and registration scheme and to buy back weapons in circulation.

The compensation offer could cost the Government as much as £150 million, depending on how many of the es-timated three million banned firearms are handed over. By including pump-action shot-guns in the ban, the new measures are even tougher than those first proposed by

Last night the Prime Minister described the summit's outcome as an "historic moment for a nation still coming to terms with the tragic cir-

cumstances in Port Arthur". Thirty-five people died in the Tasmanian town last month in one of the worst massacres that the world has known. Desperate to move quickly and harness public opinion after the slaughter, Mr How-ard has achieved in 12 days what many would have considered impossible a fortnight ago - the virtual disarmament of the Australian people.

"We have done something that will build a safer environ-6 We have done something

that will build a safer environment for our children 9

ment for our children," he said. "We have done something that will send a signal to people all around the country that ours is not a gun culture
— ours is a culture of peaceful

co-operation. With the latest opinion polls suggesting at least 90 per cent of the nation supported the tough stance, the only dissenting voice to emerge last night came, predictably, from the

John Tingle, the leader of the Shooters Party, claimed

the measures would not reduce the number of firearms. "People who've never both-ered to have licences are hardly likely to turn around and register their guns now." he said. "It's tackling the wrong end of the problem and it is not actually going to be effective in reducing the number of firearms."

A statement from New South Wales representatives of Australian shooting organisations said the decision would turn the gun lobby into a major political force, "By unjustly penalising firearms owners who obeyed the law, they would lose the confidence of those citizens," it added. The proposals would not

reduce significantly overall firearms numbers, but would open an abyss of mistrust between law-abiding citizens and all government," the statement predicted. It is now up to each state

and territory government to introduce the ban as soon as possible. Each parliament is committed to introduce the appropriate legislation. The only uncertainty is who

will finance the necessary compensation for gun owners. Some states say they do not have the money. Mr Howard has proposed a special levy be introduced to cover the one-off

The gun laws include a ban on importing the outlawed weapons that takes effect



Walter Mikac, left, being comforted by his brother at the Melbourne funeral of his wife Nanette, 36, and daughters Alannah, six, and Madeline, three, who were among the 35 people killed by a gunman in Tasmania last month

Brother denies backpacker murder link

BY ROGER MAYNARD

ACCUSATIONS linking the younger brother of Ivan Milat, the alleged Australian serial killer, with the backpacker murders, were made in a Sydney court yesterday. During a day of intense questioning, Richard Milat denied that he had planted items in his brother's house. The labourer, 40, was asked by Terry Martin, for the defence: "What do you say to the suggestion that you killed the persons whose bodies were found in the Belanglo State Forest?" Mr Milat replied: That's a lie." He denied that after the

discovery of the bodies of murdered British backpackers Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters, he had told colleagues: There are two Germans out there - they haven't found them yet."

Under further cross-examination Mr Milat denied attacking Paul Onions, a British tourist, after giving him a lift in January 1990. But he did concede that he spoke disparagingly about Asians and had worn a bushy moustache on occasions, two points Mr Onions had recalled from his abduction.

Mr Milat repeatedly said that he could

certain things. But he denied responding in such a manner to avoid being charged with perjury.

"Have you deliberately come to court to give your evidence in a way which is designed with the aim in mind to assist your brother Ivan Milat?" asked Mark Tedeschi, for the prosecution.

"No," replied Mr Milat, who will return to the witness box on Monday. Ivan Milat, a 51-year-old roadworker. has pleaded not guilty to murdering seven

young backpackers, including the two British women, and kidnapping an

Air deaths mar joint

Washington: Up to sixteen American soldiers died yester day when two helicopters col lided during the larges exercise between British and American forces since the Gull War (Tom Rhodes writes). Two Marines survived bu

exercises

were seriously injured when the helicopters hit each other in the dark above dense woods near the North Carolina coast at the Camp Lejeune base. No British troops were involved. Air operations were suspended pending inquiries after the incident, during the amphibious phase of Exercise

Purple Star, involving 38,000 American and 15,000 British troops, in an operation simulating a Gulf crisis.

Armani fined over tax bribes

Milan: A court fined Giorgio Armani, the fashion designer, 100 million lira (£42,000) and gave him a nine-month suspended prison sentence in a plea bargain over charges that he bribed Milan tax inspectors in exchange for lenient: audits. He maintained that the money was extorted. Nineteen designers, associates and tax inspectors are or trial. (Reuter)

Onassis auction raised \$34.5m

New York: The auction of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis memorabilia raised \$34.5 million (£22.8 million), Sotheby's said. The company gave the results from this month's sale as it reported a net loss of \$8.16 million for the first quarter of the year, compared with \$6.95 million over the same period last year. (Reuter)

Chinese women punished for sex

Peking: Chinese women who are found not to be virgins in pre-marital hospital checkurs are being forced to write selicriticisms and pay fines of up to 2,000 yuan (£165). Pregnanbrides-to-be are fined an extra-100 yuan for each month since conception. (AFP)

AFTER coming close to extinction the Schaus swallowtail, a rare south Florida butterfly, has made an astonishing comeback thanks to the efforts of an American

zoologist who began breeding them in a student kitchen. On Monday Bruce Babbitt, the US Interior Secretary, will oversee the release of about 250 of the butterflies into their native habitat in the Florida Keys, marking an important

BY DAVID ADAMS

milestone in their return from near oblivion.

Butterfly back from the brink

Until the 1970s the Schaus was abundant in the Keys, just south of Miami. Its large brown and yellow wings, speckled with blue and red dots, made it one of the main wildlife attractions, prized by collectors, who paid up to \$400 a specimen. But the species was ravaged by pesticides used to control the mosquito population. By 1984 it was placed on the endan-

gered species list. After new

laws were introduced bartning the use of some pesti-cides and limiting others, its numbers began to rebound, only to suffer the devastation of its habitat by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

That was when Thomas Emmel, a zoologist at Florida State University, began a captive breeding programme at a university laboratory. expanding into the kitchen. Mr Emmel says that he could not stand by and watch the

STARS JOIN BATTLE

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Rothschild

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BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ROTHSCHILD, one of the City's few remaining indepen-dent investment banks, is to

merge its equity capital mar-kets business with that of ABN Amro. It hopes to use ABN Amro's distribution muscle to expand its role in arranging

the creation of the London based joint venture, ABN Amro Rothschild, is not the precursor to a takeover bid by

Rothschild's strong position

in advising governments on privatisation has weakened

since the sale last year of its

stake in Smith New Court to Merrill Lynch, robbing it of its

ABN Amro said it wants

develop equity capital market operations outside the UK, Netherlands and Scandinavia.

Netherlands and Scandinavia, where it is already a big player. The venture is expected to begin next month and will have teams in Paris, Milan, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Scandinavia, as well as London and Amsterdam.

ABN Amro Rothschild will be responsible for all interna-

be responsible for all international equity capital market transactions worldwide and

for domestic equity capital

market transactions, except in Britain where they remain the responsibility of stockbrokers ABN Amro Hoare Govett.

The joint venture will ab-sorb all members of ABN

Amro and Rothschild's equity

capital market teams, about 50

directors will be Matthew

Westerman, a Rothschild's di-

rector. Menno de Jager and

Charles van Schelle, both exec-

utive vice-presidents of ABN

Rothschild has recently suf-

fered an embarrassing series of defections. This week it lost

John Bishop, its head of treasury and chairman of the

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Coming of age for Liverpool's Artful Dodger

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, who said that the revised package improved the prospects of bringing the society's problems to an end

Railtrack price to be at top end

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

SHARES in Railtrack are more likely to be sold near the top of the 350-390p range set by the Govern-ment for the international offer after healthy conditional bidding from instiintimal investors from the UK and America.

Thus far, bids at the maximum price known to SBC Warburg, the global co-ordinator, cover the 435 million shares theoretically available under the international offer more than three times. Under the bookbuilding process, bids are indicative at this stage, so the institutions involved are not firmly

committed to them. The sale price will only be fixed and final allocations announced just before dealings start on May 20. Bids under the UK public offer must be in by noon on Wedesday, May 15. Private investors seeking larger allocations under the UK retail tender, who pay the same price as institutions, must be re-

ceived by 5pm on May 17. Personal Investor, page 29

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Lloyd's raises offer but wields big stick

LLOYD'S of London yesterday unveiled a £1.2 billion package of sweeteners for names — and threatened harsh consequences for those

who refuse to fall into ime. There was a mixed response to the package, which adds £300 million to the original Lloyd's settlement offer, and trims £900 million off the amount names must pay to Equitas, the proposed new

reinsurance company. Details of the revised package were disclosed at Westminster in response to a written parliamentary question. Anthony Nelson, the Trade Minister responsible for Lloyd's, gave the go-ahead for a two-pronged initiative, which lifts the settlement offer to litigating names from £2.8 billion to £3.1 billion, and reduces the Equitas bill from

£1.9 billion to about £1 billion. The enhanced settlement is lower than some names had hoped, but the scale of the Equitas saving is far greater

Lloyd's said names who refused to participate would be pursued in the courts to the

full extent of their debt. Letters explaining the terms of the offer will be sent to 34,000 names over the week-

the individual amounts names are likely to pay will follow by mid-June, and the final bills are expected to go out by the end of July. Lloyd's hopes the process will be wrapped up by the end of August.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said the nackage brought Lloyd's closer to drawing a line with its past problems. He said: "We've got io end litigation and create Equitas, and we need the consent of our members to do that." The substantial reduction in the Equites premium would reduce the burden on a very large section of the membership, although a few names would suffer increases under the revised calculations.

Ron Sandler, Lloyd's chief

executive, said the "overwhelming" proportion of members would be better-off. The Equitas premiums had reduced because reserves covering "core" marine and avia tion risks had proved far more robust than envisaged.

The settlement offer includes an expected £100 million from Lloyd's brokers, and at least £100 million from auditors. Lloyd's expects to raise £270 million from the sale, leaseback and mortgage of various assets. Further increases from central resources will add £50 to £100 million to the settlement.

Lloyd's said that the improved offer would provide more help for names who have paid, and extra assistance for

COUNTDOWN TO SETTLEMENT

November 15, 1995: Peter Middleton resigns as Lloyd's chief executive. Ron Sandler takes over. February 12, 1996: Lloyd's unvails £2.8 billion settlement offer to names. Reconstruction and Renewel (R&R) plan hailed as

March 29, 1996: DTI gives provisional authorisation for Equitae. Anthony Nelson, Trade Minister, rules out early Lloyd's review. April 3, 1996: Staughter and May endorses R&R, but says settlement increase "inevitable".

May 10, 1996: Revised offer lifts settlement to £3.1 billion. Additional Equitas premiums cut by £900 million to about £1 billion.

names who are unable to pay. Future liabilities for non-underwriting names over funds available at Lloyd's, will generally be capped at £50,000.

Names underwriting in the 1993, 1994 and 1995 account vears will be asked to contribute a sum equivalent to 1.5 per cent of their overall premium limits for each of these years about £440 million. This will be refundable for all contributing names, provided they accept the settlement. The special contribution will be put to the vote at the Lloyd's

annual meeting on July 15.

The proposals met with a response. Michael chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group. said: "These are substantial improvements, which undoubtedly increase the prospect of a majority accepting

Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party, welcomed the improve ments, but said worst-hit names would "still be left ruined by this package".

The Devonshire Names Action Group called the £300 million settlement increase meagre and disappointing".

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New TransCo chief in £100,000 golden hello

BRITISH GAS has walked into further fat-cat salary controversy after paying one of

the new chief executives for its soon-to-be-demerged companies £100,000 just to join. The one-off golden hello goes to David Varney, from

Shell International, who joins British Gas as the new head of TransCo International in June. Mr Varney, a surprise choice after most industry watchers had tipped Philip Rogerson, the present chairman, as the likely successor to head the money-spinning division of British Gas, will earn a salary of £385,000. He will join British Gas as it moves a step nearer demerger.

A spokesman for British Gas said the payment was to compensate for loss of pension benefits on Mr Varney leaving his position and losses from pulling out of performancerelated shares in Shell.

The company has paid similar joining fees to Roy Gard-ner, the executive director in charge of British Gas Trading. who was yesterday elevated to chief executive of the energy half of the company, and to

Stephen Brandon, an executive director. Mr Rogerson will be deputy chairman of both companies and be responsible for the demerger process, which

could be complete by the end

of the year. British Gas Energy will comprise the loss-making gas trading operations. At the trading division, Mr



Gardner: similar fee

Gardner is corrently responsible for the tough task of negotiating the take-or-pay contracts that lock British Gas into buying gas at higher prices than it can sell it for. Mr Gardner, formerly of GEC-Marconi, will keep his present salary of £320,000.

British Gas is set to clash on Monday with Ofgas, the industry regulator, over a pricing control which could cut £300 million from its revenues. The pricing curbs for TransCo are expected to be



Varney: golden hello

Bondholders sue Barings for £100m

BY JON ASHIVORTE

BARINGS bondholders have issued writs at the High Court claiming more than £100 million in compensation from City institutions and former directors of the bank, including Peter Norris, former senior executive officer, who this week was harmed from the City for three years.

The bondholders, who suffered losses ranging from £10 million to £10,000 in the Barings collapse, are seeking compensation under section 150 of the Financial Services Act 1986. They allege that the listing particulars relating to an issue of bonds in January 1994 were misleading or failed to contain certain information, as a result of which the bondholders suffered loss.

The proceedings have been brought by Barings 94% Per-petual Noteholders Action Group (BPNAG) against the issuing company, Barings plc. its board, and the manager to the issue - namely, Houre Govett Corporate Finance. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Cazenove & Co, and Barings Brothers, now Bishopscourt (BB&Co) Limited.

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Anne Ashworth on a farewell to free banking

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Two cheers for business in its search for legitimacy

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Lord Alexander

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could only give two cheers I for democracy. I feel the same about business. But we have come a long way since the Seventies when business attracted more jeers than cheers. What happened? Mrs Thatcher happened. Mrs Thatcher gave management the opportunity to take firm decisions as the power of the trade unions waned. As a result our economy is healthier and our firms fitter. And they need to be. We face the challenge of the growling, hungry "tiger" economies where wage levels are one fiftieth of ours. But

Rather than hiding, we must face the challenge. But how? The Government is committed to low inflation and must play its part by entrenching it. Low inflation is not enough on its own to ensure growth, but without it there can be no steady growth. And there is no trade-off between inflation and long-term employment. We also need stable interest and exchange rates. With stability, companies

will be able to accept lower rates of return before investing. A recent CBI survey found that two-thirds of manufacturing firms expect an investment to pay for itself in two or three years. That is like taking out a mortgage only if you can repay it in two or three years. But it is not that we are greedier than our Victorian forebears. Our behaviour reflects the greater economic uncertainty of our times. Of course, government must do other things, but the pursuit of longterm stability is paramount.

So much for government. What

about business itself? I have said that business has been given opportunity. But with this comes responsibility. The focus must now be on what corporate responsibility means. This is what the debate about corporate governance is really about. Now that socialism and communism are no longer seen as viable alternatives in the West the focus has shifted. No longer do we ask whether business is good or bad. We must move on to ask how business can be better. So we have Cadbury and Greenbury, and thoughtful talk about stakeholders - a word that cannot be hijacked by any political

convince people that it is a force for good. This is what the search for "legitimacy" really comes to. And there is a long way to go. A recent MORI poll showed that 67 per cent of the population don't agree that business generally tries to strike a balance between profits and the public interest". So what should we do? The Royal Society of Arts report, Tomorrow's Company, re-minded us that only through deepened relationships between employees, customers, suppliers, investors and the community will companies anticipate, innovate and adapt fast enough while maintaining public confidence. And other studies have borne

this out. For example, Professor

John Kay's impressive work,

Foundations of Corporate Suc-

cess. He concluded that successful

companies are those that build

stable and continuous relationships with their stakeholders, based on an open and co-operative approach. But is this simply a charter for management to do what it likes without accountability to the owners of the business, as Samuel Brittan has powerfully argued? Or do we need to redefine the legal duties of directors. as Professor Kay has suggested? I do not think so. I do not believe that there is uncertainty in the balanced approach, or any need for fundamental legal reform.

This is because the stakeholder approach, in reality, reminds us of what we should have known, and been doing all along. A company that wants to have a long-term and profitable future must earn and retain the confidence of shareholders, customers, staff, suppliers and the wider community. As much as anything else, the stakeholder approach reminds us of what is needed for long-term financial success. And it is consistent with the view that the prime duty of managers is to deliver long-term value to shareholders.

But the stakeholder approach needs to be buttressed. There is a kaleidoscope of forces helping us in banking to live up to the standards traditionally expected of a profession. We have the ombudsman to see fair play, a code of banking practice, the Financial Services Act regime, consumer groups and a vigilant press. We

ganisation whose values they respect

It is tempting to say that "good ethics is good business" and be done with it. But this is simplistic, and would be likely to give with the wind in harsh times. So we need these other pressures and we must adopt an ethical code that recognises there are standards that we must live up to even if this means losing out financially. This gives the managers of a company an extra challenge. Most individuals carry around a set of moral values on their head, or in their heart. When one human has to pass on a moral code to another this is done by example and word of mouth. But a company cannot rely simply on example and word of mouth. Its code has to be written down. We at NatWest have taken this step some time ago.

Companies must also be more open. This applies in every facet of business - for example in the terms and conditions of our services, executive remuneration, our policy on the environment and the community, and even about the risks of our derivatives business. We must not resent the ever-increasing number of reports we have to publish they are vital if we are to win and keep the confidence of all of our

stakeholders. Gone are the days when a firm could treat its customers as dumb consumers. Customers have views and values, and increasing choice. They have the ultimate sanction if they feel that a company does not share their views and values. They can stop buying its products and

services. We still have far to go. So we can only give two cheers for business. But there are no alternatives that deserve the full three cheers. Evolution and not revolution is needed. We do have the right political and legal framework. Business has been largely accepted in the public mind. But business has more to do to win the affection of the public heart.

Lord Alexander is chairman of NatWest Group.

Tenet sells to focus on the US

Tenet Healthcare, a hospital operator based in California, yesterday sold its 42 per cent stake in Westminster Healthcare, one of Britain's largest nursing home companies, to investment clients of Cazenove and Collins Stewart, the stockbrokers.

The 26.8 million shares were sold at 298p each, representing a 4's per cent discount to the market price, valuing the transaction at about £80 million. Tenet said its sold its Westminster investment, leaving the company without a controlling share-holder, so it could focus on its American operations.

Carib collapse

Carib Express, a Caribbean commuter airline in which British Airways had a 20 per cent stake, has collapsed. The airline, set up just over a year ago, aimed to provide "feeder" services to islands not served by large interna-

BA, which is writing off its £2.5 million investment, said it would seek other ways to extend its services in the Caribbean.

Saving grace

National Savings made net contributions of £699 million to government financing in April on gross sales of £1.43 billion. Pensioners Bonds contributed most (£410 million), followed by Premium Bonds (EI64 million).

Toyota's £200m expansion to create 1,000 British jobs

MOTORING EDITOR

TOYOTA will create 1,000 jobs in a £200 million expansion of its British plant to make a version of the world's best-selling car.

The investment will double the capacity of the plant in Burnaston, Derbyshire, to 200,000 cars a year, with the Corolla joining the mid-range Carina È on assembly lines. John Major was in Burnast-

on to mark the expansion and celebrate the scale of Japanese investment in Britain, led by the big three carmakers: Honda, Toyota and Nissan. He called it a double achievement: "A 1,000 jobs boost and further evidence of the UK's success as the number one choice for inward investment.

"It is no small achievement that the UK accounts for a staggering 40 per cent of Japanese investment and a third of all inward investment in Europe. Last year, this equated to £19 billion worth of investment in the UK economy and accounted for 750,000 jobs:"

about £3 billion in the UK since Nissan built a plant in Washington, Tyne and Wear, a decade ago. It was swiftly followed by Honda - in Swindon, Wiltshire - and Toyota. which also has an engine plant in Deeside, North Wales

the end of the century at the current rate of expansion.

The big three have invested

Between them, the big three will be capable of making nearly 800,000 cars a year by The strength of Japanese carmaking in Britain is under-

lined by the progress at Toyota



which, in less than four years, countries. As well as supply- investment in its European rease this to 65 per cent by 1998 has already made 250,000 cars, while Deeside has turned out 200,000 engines, and em-

ploys 2,000 people. Of 110,000 cars that will be built at the plant this year, Toyota expects to send 75 per cent to the Continent, with a further 5 per cent to 70 other

ing Burnaston, the Welsh plant sends engines to Turkey. The export drive will add to the company's efforts last year, which added £330 million to Britain's trade balance. Production of the Corolla in Burnaston is expected to start

operations by Toyota. Dr Schoichiro Toyoda, Toyota's chairman, said: "This expansion is an extremely imp-

ortant part of our localisation plans. In 1995, 58 per cent of the 2.5 million units we sold outside Japan were made outin 1998, the end of a El billion side Japan. We want to inc-

 the year Corolla production starts here in the UK." Toyota has taken on 200 suppliers in ten European countries, in many cases raising their productivity and profitability by introducing them to advanced Japanese manufacturing techniques and organisation.

Prices data **boosts**

AMERICAN stocks and bonds bounced strongly yesterday after subdued prices figures allayed fears of inflation.

average stood 32 points higher at 5,507 at midday after 30-year Treasury bond was up by 14 points, taking its yield down to 6.91 per cent from Thursday's close at 7.02 per cent, and the dollar surged on the back of rallying bonds.

Producer prices rose by a

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

News Corp in world sports media deals

THE News Corporation and two media companies controlled by Tele-Communications Inc have formed an alliance to own and operate sports programming services around the world. In the US, Tele-Communications is contributing its regional and national sports networks to the alliance, while News Corp, parent company of The Times, is contributing its basic cable network, a general entertainment and sports channel, and is making an undisclosed financial investment.

Internationally, the companies have formed a joint venture that will operate existing sports services in Latin America, Australia, Africa and Europe, excluding the UK. In Asia, News Corp has agreed to sell a 7.5 per cent interest in Star TV. the satellite broadcaster, to Tele-Communications.

P&G settlement

BANKERS TRUST, the New York bank, has settled its twoyear legal battle with Proctor & Gamble with a deal to pay most of the \$200 million that the soap giant was claiming as a result of losses on two derivatives deals. It has agreed to pay \$150 million, or about 80 per cent of the losses under dispute. P&G claimed that, in selling the products, Bankers misrepresented the amount of gearing contained in contracts that then lost heavily when interest rates rose early in 1994.

Kvaerner profits slip

KVAERNER, the Norwegian shipping and construction group that acquired Britain's Trafalgar House earlier this year, yesterday disclosed an 8.5 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to Kr537 million (£54 million) in the first quarter of 1996. Profits included a gain of Kr249 million on the sale of ships. The company said new orders fell to Kr5.47 billion from Kr8.06 billion, but the net order reserve was unchanged

Hall chief buys division

Holdings, is to buy the company's metal stockholding division for £21 million via his own company. Hallco 68. The division comprises Hall & Pickles, CBA and John Tainton, with combined assets of £8.97 million in 1995. Operating profits were £3.4 million on sales of £72.5 million. Hall Engineering is to concentrate on its less cyclical industries. The E21 million will repay debts from the purchase of SG Industries.

HoF reshapes in Leeds

HOUSE OF FRASER, the retailer, announced a £6 million redevelopment of its main Leeds store, due to be completed at the same time Harvey Nicols opens in the city in time for the autumn-winter season. The total refurbishment and remodelling inside and out of the Briggate store will result in 75,000 sq ft of trading space. House of Fraser has also sold its smaller Leeds store in Headrow. House of Fraser shares rose 3p to 170p yesterday.

Hotels group warning

THE St James Beach hotels group based in Barbados gave a warning yesterday that year-end profits will fall to not less than £1.4 million (£1.9 million). Analysts had been predicting a rise to around £2.5 million in next month's results. Ray Horney, chairman, blamed poor cost controls and higher than expected stock writedowns and depreciation charges. However, the company intends to pay a final dividend of 3.3p a share, lifting the total dividend by 20 per cent.

Hawtal Whiting hit

BAD debts of £452,000 hit profits at Hawtal Whiting, the motor design and engineering consultancy, which reported a 61 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £1.2 million for the year to December 31. Operating profits fell 45 per cent to £2.4 million on sales of £77.8 million. down 2.6 per cent. John Whitecross. chairman, said that the order book for the months ahead was growing. The final dividend is held at 2.5p. There was no interim dividend. The shares fell 19p to 161p.

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THE SUNDAYTIMES Headhunted from Unilever the new chief executive of ICI aims to transform a venerable household name into a global company at the forefront of the chemical industry. To acceed, Charles Miller-Smith will have to strike a delicate balance between the old ICI culture and the new. Business Focus in The Sunday



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Talks help shares in Cantors

BY CLARE STEWART

SHARES in Cantors, the furniture retailer, responded yesterday to speculation that the group is poised to make a major acquisition. At one stage the price reached a new high of 170p, up 15p, before slipping back to close at 160p.

The group, which is based in Sheffield, confirmed that it is in "preliminary discussions". The deal is expected to be a takeover or tie-up with a larger retailer. Among quoted companies. Essex Furniture and World of Leather are seen as possible partners. There are also smaller, privately owned businesses that could be of interest to Cantors.

In the half year to October, pre-tax profits halved to £53,000 and analysts are expecting only marginal trading profits for the full year. Can-tors' recent strategy has been to move from its predominantly high street base to larger, out-of-town sites. It has 39 such sites and 73 high street shops.

Beginning of the end for unit trusts

By Caroline Merrell

THE end of the 65-year-old unit trust industry has moved a step closer with the granting of a substantial tax concession by the Government. Angela Knight, Economic

Secretary to the Treasury, has announced that mergers between unit trusts and the conversion of unit trusts into Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs) will be free from 0.5 per cent stamp duty. OEICs are a new type of investment fund, which will allow unit trust groups to market their products abroad more easily. Many in the industry believe that most

OEICs. rities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, are currently drawing up the rules under which OEICs can be launched in this country. The advantage of OEICs is that investors can buy and sell

their investments at one price.

existing unit trusts will eventually be converted into

The Treasury and the Secu-

which is simpler than the current bid/offer system of pricing, where units are bought and sold at different prices. The bid/offer system makes trusts very difficult to market abroad. Clive Boothman, chairman

of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif), the trade body for the industry, conceded that unit trusts would eventually disappear. He said: "We welcome this move by the Minister, which is a clear statement of the Government's interest in the industry and the success of the new investment com-

Norman Riddell, chief executive of Invesco, which manages £56 billion of funds worldwide, said: "OEICs have become distinctly more attractive following this concession. Unit trusts have a finite life. This move would seem to herald their ultimate demise."

US bonds

BY JANET BUSH

The Dow Jones industrial

jumping 57 points in the first 15 minutes. The benchmark

lower-than-expected 0.4 per cent in April, largely reflecting a jump in energy costs. Strip-ping out volatile food and energy sectors, core producer prices rose by only 0.1 per cent, the same as in March.

The bond market had been worried about inflation after data showing surprising buoyancy in economic activity. But yesterday's figures suggested that healthy economic growth is

Norwich shuts out speculators

By Marianne Curphey

MEMBERS of Norwich Union passed a special resolution at its annual meeting yesterday to prevent speculators cashing in on the mutual life insurer's planned £2 billion stock market flotation next year.

Around 400 people voted through a proposal to allow the board of directors to set a cut-off date for membership. This would deny speculators the chance of windfall gains if a flotation went ahead, and brings Norwich Union into line with building societies, which have such powers in their articles of association. If a cut-off were set, customers taking out

eligible for free shares in a flotation. The move is akin to the recent action by the Woolwich Building Society, which announced retrospective qualifying dates to stop a rush of speculative new accounts being opened by "carpetbaggers" hoping for a share of the payout when it converted to a bank. The Bristol & West has announced a cut-off point but will allow investors to replenish their accounts — up to £100 — to qualify for

membership Norwich Union announced last October that it was considering flotation but has made no further announcements.

policies after the date would not be and has said it will not release details of its conclusions until the autumn. A spokeswoman said: This does not mean membership has been closed, nor have we set a cut-off point for membership. It is a piece of contingency planning, which gives the directors the power to set a cut-off point at a time in the future should

> Norwich Union has expressed concern that if it were to announce flotation there would be a run on buying its policies, and it would have to resort to giving members three weeks' notice to call an extraordinary meeting to approve proposals to close membership

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ANTHONY Nelson flew in from South Africa, opened his mail and rubberstamped a £1.2 billion package of sweeteners for debt-stricken Lloyd's of London names. That was Sunday. By the time the

revised deal was announced in Parliament yesterday. Sweden had come and gone, and a dozen new trade ventures were pending — all part of the brief, when your job is to promote British business abroad. Not bad for a week's work.

The Lloyd's deal is the icing on the cake for Nelson, 47, who took on the mantle of Minister for Trade last July, and has hardly touched the ground since. One week will find him in Hong Kong. admiring British expertise in action at the to billion Chep Lap Kok airport. The next may find him at a gathering in Brunei, or putting in a good word for British manufacturers in Durban. His schedule would put long-haul airline pilots to

shame — and he thrives on it.

He laughs: "My colleagues are quite sort of disparaging: Good of you to pay us a visit, but always said with a twinkle in their eye. People on both sides of the House reckon that the Minister for Trade job is a special one. You're out there selling

for Britain." Neison is self-proclaimed marketing direc-tor for UK plc — British industry in its broadest sense — but it is a tiny corner of the City of London that has occupied his time this week. Llayd's of London is regu-

lated by the Department of Trade and Industry, and Nelson had the task of approving the revised package. The duty would normally fall on lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, but, as a name, he was obliged to step aside. Nelson is confident about the deal's chances. "Hopefully it's looking good. Either people will get bigger cheques paid back to them from Lloyd's, or will not have to pay as much."

Having granted provisional authorisation in March to Equitas, the new reinsurance company, Nelson must next decide whether to formally endorse the Lloyd's rescue. "The next step will be the vote, and thereafter I will have to make a decision on whether the conditions have been met to grant authorisation. [If so] there'll be a great collective sigh of relief. markets will be reinforced. Names will have some finality, policyholders will have protection, and the corporate market of Lloyd's can move ahead to develop its own new landscape, before I consider next year whether to shake up the whole regulatory system of Lloyd's."

Insurance matters were less of an issue three weeks ago when Nelson and his entourage boarded the overnight British Airways flight for Johannesburg. He has been to South Africa several times since

accompanying John Major on his historic visit two years ago. We were anxious to demonstrate that we intended to be new and enduring partners with the new South Africa, although we've always had a big stake in the old South Africa."

Britain's resolve to build trade links with the republic remains unshaken by the political turmoil of the past few days. The DTI has hosted three Britain Means Business promotions - in Cape Town, using the Royal Yacht Britannia, in Johannesburg and, most recently, in Durban, Nelson travelled the country in a British Aerospace Jetstream 41 - a contender for South Africa's regional routes -- and was eager to sing the praises of Rolls-Royce, currently vying for a package of orders worth up to £400 million. "We intended to show that we are really practical about carrying through what we say," says Nelson. "We don't just express fine words, we actually deliver on these things, and it has been very successful. I hope that when President Mandela comes here in July on his state visit, we'll have the opportunity to cement a good deal of the building blocks that have been built up during this progress."

Plans to upgrade the republic's airports provide rich potential for British companies. While Nelson was in Durban, Mac Maharaj, the South African Minis-

ter for Transport, announced plans for a new King Shaka airport, to be built to the north of the city. "We decided, with some fairly fancy foot-work over breakfast, to get in first and offer a package of support which might get British companies in through the door first." Nelson

pledged Ro million (El million) towards an initial development study, and offered credit cover and trading facilities.

Nelson spends a great deal of time in airports — he is travelling three weeks out of four at present - and they are a subject dear to his heart. "I would say that we are in the premier league of airport project developers. The work I went to see recently at Chep Lap Kok in Hong Kong, which is the biggest airport project in the world, is a great testament to the success and technological capabilities of British companies everything from [the] civil engineering that Trafalgar House and Bovis did, through to the air traffic control systems and management systems of airports."

British firms will be pitching for a slice of a new airport project in Bombay - said to be the biggest in the world after Hong Kong - and are queueing up for similar ventures in China. This is big-ticket business, and this is exactly what I want for British business. It's the sort of area where governments can make a bit of a difference.

Nelson enjoys his globe-trotting. "I've tried to approach it in a fairly scientific way: to try to look at the markets where I can make a difference. To look at the markets which really are important, in macro terms, to our trade figures. And to



Anthony Nelson in his office this week, enjoying a brief respite from the demands of his ministerial role as Britain's roving ambassador for business

look at those areas where there's the fastest-growing, new developing trade." He visited South America for the first time earlier this year, and returned fired with zeal for the region's prospects. He speaks of a new self-confidence in Latin America, and says: They're going to do this anyway. The question is whether we're on board and help them. My job, I think, must be to encourage more British companies to go down and see for themselves the opportunities that these exciting developing markets offer. I felt that very much in Brazil and Chile, Mexico, as I've done in the Far East, in Indonesia and China."

While his passport may be studded with exotic names. Nelson is aware of the potential closer to home. Britain exports more than £4 billion in goods to Denmark each year compared Japan. Our biggest export markets are Germany, the Benelux countries and America. "It is a fact that, really, two thirds of our export trade is with Europe, and about a quarter with the United States, and therefore our biggest markets are our doorstep markets," he says. "The markets in Europe are not just huge in size, they also offer the best opportunities for small to medium-sized companies, among which I'm quite anxious to encourage the export habit."

This week took Nelson on a flying visit to Sweden, where he visited Volvo, which has a huge bus plant in Scotland, and called in on Stena, the ferry operator. "Small, marginal increases in our trade

with these big door-step countries could Monday Tuesday 🗸 Wednesday Thursday Friday

dwarf massive increases, proportionately, in our trade with some of these new developing countries. However, it's the latter countries which are the fastest-growing

long-term markets; it's the former which are our bread and butter, day-to-day. cashflow markets. If I'm marketing director of the UK plc, which I am, I see it as my job to play to our strengths, to look markets to go for, to encourage companies to go in."

After breaking the news about Lloyd's, Nelson departed for his Chichester constitnency, where he holds a weekly "surgery". He met local farmers, then headed off to launch a new radio station. Today finds him at the FA Cup Final as a guest of Barclays Bank. Nelson enjoys what he does. "I enjoy the outward-going aspects of my job, the promotional side of it. Unlike so many jobs in government. I can see the results of my work, often. It's a job where you can make a difference, and I enjoy that. It is demanding, because you are representing your country and companies, and you have to try to be on the ball and well-informed."

Attention now turns to America, where the DTI is gearing up for a major promotional drive. Nelson flies to New

York next month to launch a campaign -North America Now — and enthuses about America's potential as a trading parmer. "We sell something like \$6 billion of services there a year but, believe it or not, we think that this is a \$600 billion market for services. There are whole states and sectors where we still are nowhere near maximising, let alone really having a big market share, and yet it is an English-speaking, highly discerning. British-orientated market where we can do much more, and I am very keen to spread that message."

His enthusiasm is infectious. "Britain supplies over half the software of the whole of the United States. We have huge interests there of all sorts. There's a lot more we can do. and I am very excited about our prospects in the North Ameri-

MIDDEN ASSETS

The bank that likes to collect

IB's modern Bankcentre office block in the "embassy belt", two miles from Dublin city centre, is the unlikely setting of the biggest collection of Irish contemporary art in the

When the Irish banking group moved into the purpose-built headquarters in 1979, it decided to record the development of modern lrish art from the 1880s. when Irish artists began looking outward and many went to France where they were influenced by the dev-

elopment of modernism. Since then, AlB has built up a collection of 1,150 paintings, sculptures and tapestries and a collection of graphics, assisted by Frances Ruane, a lecturer in the history of art and design at the National College of Art & Design in Dublin. The collection dwarfs that of the Patricia Tehan on the art acquired by AIB, the Irish banking group

trish Museum of Modern Art. The painting that excites the most comment, much of it from Tom Mulcahy, chief executive of AIB, is Michael Cullen's Shadow Boxing. a large oil painting on canvas done in 1984. This vigorous painting of a naked woman watching two monkeys fighting, insured for £2,500, is displayed to one side of the

Bankcentre main reception. One of the most valuable pieces in the collection is Azur, two columns of stripes painted in oil on canvas by Sean Scully in 1980. AIB acquired it for £1,500 and, since Mr Scully is now the darling of New York, it is

now estimated at £250,000. Probably the best known artist in the collection is Jack

Old Place, Callan: Tony O'Malley found inspiration in fields for this 1978 work

Yeats, brother of WB Yeats. the poet. In her review of the published AIB Art. Ms Ruane says his work "merged the nationalist sentiments of the first half of the century with a passionate expressionist style to create the most important Irish paint-

ings of the modern era". AIB boasts three Yeats in its collection, notably A Race in Hy Brazil, painted in 1937 - a race meeting set on a mythical island called Hy

The collection has something to appeal to everyone as well as several pieces that many will hate. But Ms Ruane has to be admired for building up what is a diversified collection, encompass-

ing Aloysius O'Kelly, the through to the work of emerging artists such as Willie Doherty and Oliver Comerford.

Her own favourites are works by Louis le Brocquy from the 1960s and 1970s and from Patrick Collins and Tony O'Malley in the late

Michael Buckley, the AIB director with responsibility for approving Ms Ruane's choices, said that the brief was to build up "a representative collection of modern Irish art". He estimates that the bank

has spent £800,000 over the past 17 years. The collection is conservatively estimated to be worth £3 million today. There is a rolling budget of about £30,000 to £35,000 a

year, giving Ms Ruane the flexibility to buy when work becomes available, sometimes selling a second-class work by an artist when a better piece comes on to the market. On average, ten to 12 pieces are added to the collection each year.

The art is always on the move - it switches offices and much of it is hung in corridors where it can be seen by staff and customers.

Part of this wish to give the work a wider audience resulted in AIB Art on the Internet. The bank went live on the Internet with ten works last month. Subject to copyright approval, it hopes to have all 120 works in its catalogue on the Internet by the summer.

The bank's objective is also to attempt to spot emerging artists. Mr Buckley said that younger artists whose work is displayed at Bankcentre "see it as a huge plus to their careers".



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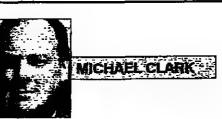
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Merger hopes send Lucas shares to record high

HEAVY turnover of shares in Lucas Industries, the automotive components group, indicate that it may be about to tie the knot with Varity Corporation, its US rival.

The Lucas price jumped 11p to a new high of 234p, with almost 19 million shares changing hands as institutional investors woke up to the fact that an agreed merger with Varity would make sense. At these levels Lucas is valued at E1.95 billion. A merger with Varity would capitalise it at more than £3 billion and catpult the enlarged group into the list of top 100 companies.

Earlier this week, Lucas and Varity announced they had begun talks, leading to speculation that the American components group was looking to bid in order to create one of the world's biggest automotive components suppliers.

Under pressure from the US Securities and Exchange Commission, it was announced that the talks were unlikely to lead to Varity making a bid. Brokers who follow Lucas in London are convinced that a merger is on the cards and expect an announcement to be made some time next month.

Suggestions that GKN, down 4p at 958p, TI Group. op off at 546p, or even Siemens might be prepared to scupper the talks with Varity by launching bids of their own seem wide of the mark.

The rest of the equity market ended the week on a firm note, supported by the modest rise in US producer prices during April, which enabled the Dow Jones average to enjoy an early mark-up.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 26.1 up at 3,754.4 in thin trading that saw 667 million shares change hands. It reduced the fall on the week to just 2.8 points.

Brokers reported evidence of US buying as investors took advantage of the growing disparity between Wall Street and London. This also prompted some bear closing which, in turn, succeeded in squeezing prices higher.

Shell continued to make the most of Thursday's bumper profits news. The shares rose 12p to 899p as investors switched out of BP, down 6p

American investors are takwas reflected in the price, down 512p at 18612p.



Pat Carter saw Westminster Healthcare shares hold steady

ly fall to finish all-square at 189p after a line of 5.6 million shares went through the market at 1841 ap. Ladbroke has been the subject of intense bid speculation. Earlier this month it was confirmed that the group was in talks about closer co-operation with the US Hilton Hotel group. Ladbroke operates all the Hilton hotels outside the US.

drive-maker, which is due to start on October 1.

Westminster Healthcare. whose chairman is Pat Carter, held steady at 313p despite Tenet Healthcare, its biggest shareholder, deciding to sell up. The 26.8 million shares in Westminster were sold to Cazenove, the broker, as part of a bought deal in conjunction with Collins Stewart.

Shares of Surrey Free Inns stand at a high of 215p after a buy note from Greig Middleton, the broker. New pub openings are expected to result in a substantial increase in earnings next year. City speculators maintain that the group's progress has not gone unnoticed by its rivals and say a bid may be on the way.

Rodime, the computer disk drive group, fell 34p to to 234p after throwing in the towel in its lengthy legal battle with Quantum over a patent dispute after a ruling by the US Supreme Court. The group said there was no prospect of overturning an earlier adverse ruling in the Quantum case. Rodime has also dropped a suit against Western Digital in order to concentrate its efforts on a legal action against Seagate, the unlicensed disk

They are expected to be placed. with institutions.

VideoLogic continued to make headway, ending 8p higher at 94p. VideoLogic clinched a deal this week to supply Compaq Computer, the world's largest personal computer manufacturer, with its advanced graphics technology system for its next generation of home computers.

A profits warning left Laird Group nursing a fall of 31p at 456p. John Gardiner, chair-

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that profits in the first four match last year's levels, although the gap had begun to

narrow in recent weeks. A profits warning also took its toll of St James Beach Hotels, leaving the price 14p down at 100p. The Barbados hotel operator says that profits for the year to March 31 will fall to £1.4 million compared with £1.9 million last time. It blames stock writedowns, rising costs and depreciation charges. It has since put measures in place designed to cut head office costs and introduced new internal controls. Despite the profits setback, the group has promised to raise the dividend 20 per cent and has forecast a payout of 3.3p for the current year.

The utilities came under early pressure after Thursday's speech by the President of the Board of Trade suggesting that fostering domestic competition was the main aim of the Government rather than creating giant com-panies. The biggest markdowns were seen among the few remaining independent regional electricity companies. Yorkshire fell i3p to 786p, London 16p to 779p, and East Midlands 10p to 609p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices recovered after a hesitant start, cheered by the US producer prices during April. Prices at the longer end climbed by almost £1, with the Bank of England taking advantage of the market's buoyancy to issue further tranches of stock. This included £250 million

of Treasury 6 per cent 1999, which was sold out. The Bank also suprised the market by issuing tranches of indexlinked stock, including £150 million of Treasury index-linked 2 per cent 2006 and £100 million of Treasury index-linked 2016. As a result, other index-linked issues closed lower. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finish £1316 higher at £106732 as a total of 53,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose E1516 to £971332, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose £516 to E102316. □ NEW YORK: Inflation worries eased to encourage the bond market and investors on Wall Street, where the Dov Jones industrial average was 32.16 points higher at 5,507.30

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the time frame of the completion of such a deal was being measured in months rather Shareholders in Ladbroke will have an opportunity to

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Trauma in the pipeline

BRITISH GAS faces a tough day on Monday. The announcement by Ofgas of price control proposals for TransCo, the pipelines business, will be crucial to the health of the soon. no-be-demerged British Gas. On such pricing reviews hang, virtually entirely, the dividend policy. The pricing curbs will also be a fundamental way by which TransCo, the money-spinning half of British Gas, will be

Speculation is intense that the pricing review will be tough. Both sides have been public about their disagreements. Both have said that they anticipate the matter being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission once the proposals become final recommendations in June.

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has listened to the arguments of British Gas but is

thought to believe that their estimates of depreciation are too steep. A tough pricing cap would also make her the consumers' friend since the transportation costs of gas naturally add to the final price.

Some City analysts expect a one-off charge to be levied on the company to counter years of British Gas over-estimating depreciation. On top of that will be the running curb of RPI-X. Working on the basis of a one-off hit of 15 per cent on the charges to shippers and an RPI-5 rate, then British Gas is probably looking at cutting its dividend by 10 per cent.

Such severity has been largely factored into the share price and punishing though it may seem. British Gas may weigh up the choice of taking it on the chin or seeking an MMC review, which might not be completed until a Labour government is installed.

Cable

CABLE companies have been reporting narrower losses and the trend is expected to continue next week with Bell Cablemedia and General Cable. Shares are off their lows and while most have barely achieved their issue prices, the sense is that the worst is over. Cable TV and telephony penetration is

creeping up. But it would take an act of blind faith for investors to jump into the sector now. The cable industry is a longterm game — far longer than even the most optimistic cable executives had anticipated. At the very least, punters should wait until they get a sense of where the next round of consolidation will leave the industry.

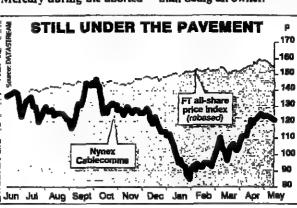
TeleWest, which last year bought SBC CableComms, is showing signs of becoming Mercury Communications, appears to be forging closer ties to Mercury. Nynex, the number two layer, may also jump into bed with Mercury. In fact, Warbury Pincus, one of the potential bidders for Mercury during the aborted

deal-hungry again and Videotron is for sale. Bell

Cablemedia, whose Canadi-

an parent owns 20 per cent of

Cable and Wireless-BT merger talks, had plans to fold Bell Cablemedia and Nynex into Mercury, creating a force that could have competed with BT in the residential as well as corporate market. Patience is the key. Until the cable companies find their footing, being an observer is safer than being an owner.



Ladbroke

MORE light has been shed this week on the fascinating possiblity that the two hotel companies bearing the name Hilton may yet become one again. But shareholders in Ladbroke, which owns the Hilton International half. should not get too excited. Hilton Hotels Corp. the American half, told its shareholders that while a full-scale with Ladbroke seemed out of the question, a merger with the Hilton International part was not.

Hilton International presently has the rights to the name outside America while Hilton Hotels has the rights to the name within the United States. But Stephen Bollenbach, chief executive of Hilton Hotels, told shareholders at Beverly Hills that

ask directors how it looks from the other side of the Atlantic at the annual meeting on Monday. Ladbroke has talked publicly so far more in terms of a joint marketing deal than a physical merger

Ladbroke shareholders should also keep an ear open for the trading update at the meeting. Last year was not a good one for Ladbroke's chain of betting shops but this year betting shops generally appear to be benefiting from a l per cent easing in the betting duty and better wea-

Currencies

CLOSE followers of world market psychology will have been fascinated this week by the events in South Africa. Currency analysts, notably those in Johannesburg and therefore closer to the action. more or less thought that their world had caved in when the white-led National Party let it be known that it

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thought it could be as effective in opposition than being a member of the Government. The rand tumbled further

to 4.50 against the dollar after a period of weakness brought on by thoughts that the Government of National Unity was to break up after two years of bringing South Africa closer to conventional multiparty democracy.

To political observers, the Government of National Unity had always appeared to have a limited if not useful life. Sure enough, rand currency traders woke up in a calmer frame of mind yesterday morning and soon had the rand back up to 4.42 against the dollar.

One analyst said yesterday: "Initially the perception was that this ended life as we knew it, but today the market seems to be giving it a relative vote of confidence." The chairman of Standard Bank pressed the Government for a clearer economic policy but currency dealers now believe the heat is off the rand.

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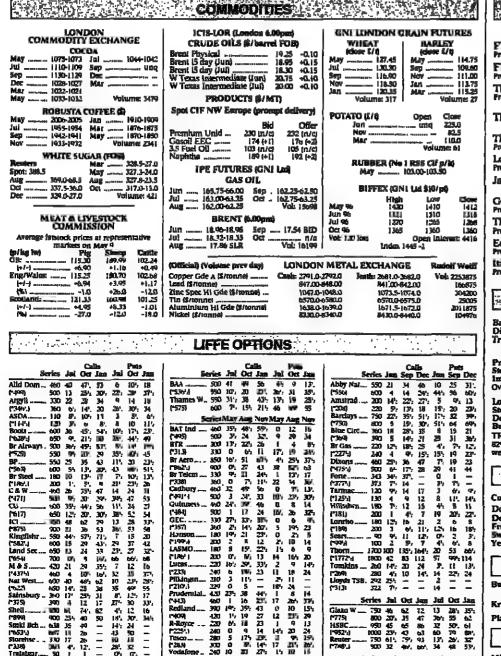
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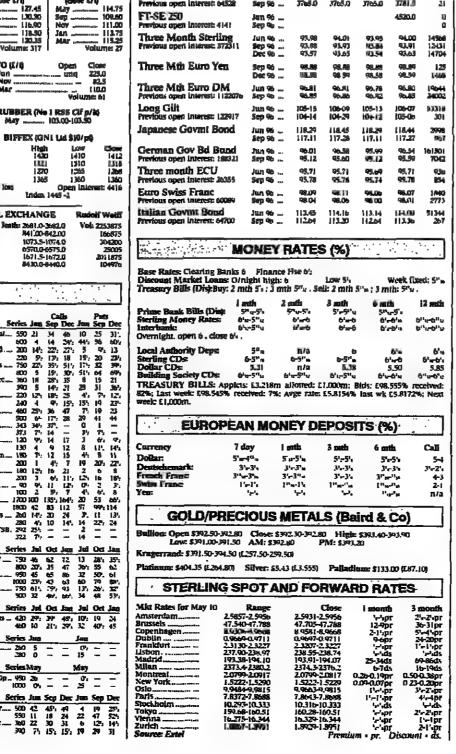
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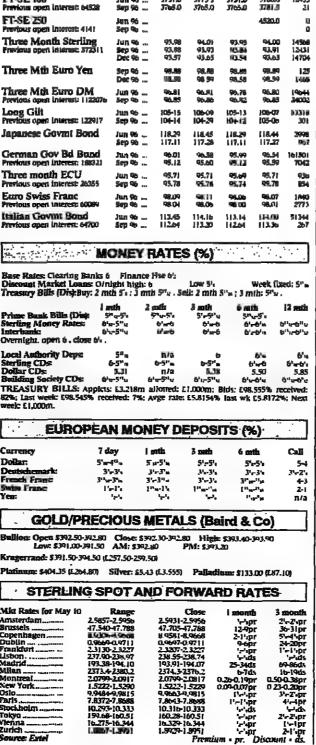


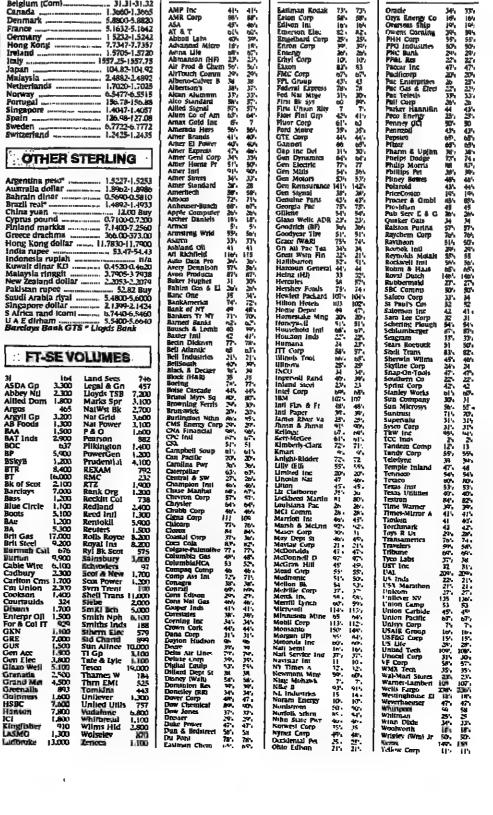
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Savers trapped by societies waiting to float



Partners in sickness and in health

Marianne Curphey on the Government's 'cure' for the problem of long-term care for the elderly

the Government faces the biggest healthcare crisis in its 17-year term as it struggles to find a solution to the growing

need nursing home care, Long-term care now costs the State about £22 billion a year, or 3.6 per cent of gross domestic product. There will be 50 per

number of elderly people who

cent more over-65's by 2030. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, this week unveiled a Green Paper that suggested the answer was a "partnership" scheme between the individual and the State. People would be encouraged to take out insurance or annuities to pay for long-term care in return for protection of their assets.

Help the Aged criticised the proposals as "directionless" and "a short-term solution to a long-term problem". Weekend Money looks at

how the Green Paper might be

How much of my assets can I protect?

Any decision to buy care is a gamble because only one in five people needs to go into a nursing home. Currently, pensioners with only £10,000 in assets have to make a contribution towards their care and those with £16,000 must pay the full bill, usually between £10,000 and £20,000,

live once they have entered the home. Only when savings and assets are exhausted will the State pay the costs.

Under the new proposals, retired people will be encouraged to buy indemnity insurance. The Government might promise to disregard £1.50 of capital for every £1 of insur-ance cover bought. Pensioners would have to pay a monthly premium of about £50 to protect a house worth £50,000 and savings of £10,000.

The alternative is for the State to protect an extra £15,000 of assets only after people have paid for care for four years. The average stay in a home is two years. A woman of 65 protecting an £80,000 house and £10,000 savings would have to pay £7,200 once or £72 a month.

Another proposal is for people to take a smaller pension on retirement that would increase in later years to pay for medical care.

At what age should I start saving?

The earlier you start, the smaller the premiums. Like term assurance, there is no guarantee that you will need to call on the policy and when the period of insurance ends you will get nothing back from the insurer. You need to bear in mind that if you try to

are over 70, or when you are in ill-health, it will be more costly and you may be uninsurable.

Should I buy a policy now or wait until next April when the schemes are

If you are likely to need A li you are timely nursing home cover in the next six months, it could be worth taking it out now. If you are well, independent financial advisers counsel waiting until April at least.

What products are available?

A Bupa, PPP Lifetime Care, Commercial Union and Eagle Star offer long-term care policies, and just 12,000 have been sold in total. Norwich Union, AXA Equity & Law, Scottish Mutual and Canada Life propose to launch policies within the next year.

I already have a long-term care policy. Will 1 be given a refund if I have

A Insurance companies are unlikely to refund you for a policy you have already bought. Parmership schemes could be 30 to 35 per cent cheaper than current long-term care policies because they allow insurance companies to predict more accurately their level of



Care deals to come under code

ong-term care is not regulated by the Financial Services Act 1986 since it is regarded as a risk product - a form of insurance and not an investment. Therefore it is not subject to the stringent disclosure rules on charges, exclusions and other hidden costs that now govern the selling of investment products and pensions.

Consumer groups are concerned that unless proper regulation is introduced, long-term care could become the next personal finance fiasco after the pensions mis-selling scandal. The Government gave in-centives at the end of the 1980s for people to take out personal pensions and over-zealous salesmen persuaded individuals in generous, stable occupational pensions schemes to transfer out into more expensive personal pensions. Hundreds of thousands of people were affected and some have been banned from rejoining their employer's scheme.

Observers are fearful that this could be repeated, with millions of people condemned to uncertainty and poverty in old age, having been sold unsuitable products. In reply, the Association of British

Insurers (ABI), whose 430 members include life and general insurance companies, is drawing up a code of conduct to ensure people are sold affordable, suitable products and are not lied to about the cover they will end up with. It believes this code will be ready by next April.

Bupa is in favour of a code of

"minimum standards" for salesmen pushing these products.

The Department of Health admits that policies currently on the market are not regulated. A spokesman said: "People need to look carefully at what is on offer. We would like suggestions on how to regulate these new products. Legislation may be necessary to ensure that local authorities and nursing homes can tell which products are good quality and reliable."

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A predicament shared by millions

posals do nothing to help millions of pensioners whose assets and savings are large enough to exclude them from social secunity assistance but too small to pay for the full cost of nursing home fees.

These middle-income couples have amassed capital through the housing booms of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s and are "house rich". They have paid National Insurance con-tributions all their lives, but, because they expected the State to care for them in their old age, they have made no provision for medical expenses in their last years.

Even after selling their homes and spending the inheritance they hoped to pass to their children, they may still be unable to afford to fund their long-term care. One

couple, a 76-year-old reader of The Times from Sidcup, Kent, and his 73-year-old wife, are in a predicament shared by millions of people.

She has had a stroke and is

being treated in hospital. She is unable to care for herself at home. They survive on a £i30 a week government pension, have a home worth £125,000 and savings of £8,000. He is a retired accountant and has just £4 above the state pension coming in from his previous employer's scheme. They have a son, aged 39, to whom they had hoped to leave something.

However, their assets dis-qualify them from government help and the man wants to buy an annuity or long-term insurance plan to provide nursing home care for his wife should he die before her. Cecil Hinton, of Hinton &

wait until one of them dies and the other needs treatment. then they should sell the house and buy an annuity from the proceeds to provide around E16,000 a year, or E1,300 a month, to cover the fees."

raham Fidoe, chairman of IFACare, an organisation formed by 45 firms of independent financial advisers specialising in advising clients on long-term care, and an IFA with Morton Wilson of Nuneaton. said: "She is probably unin-surable and the couple will need to sell the house if he dies

and she needs care. The house can be sold for E125,000 and invested to provide a net income of 6 per cent annually, equivalent to £7,200. Alternatively, the proceeds from the house could be used which would protect some of the capital. However, an annuity providing an income of E10,000 a year would cost around £100.000."

Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de Broe, said: "The couple should not buy insurance or an annuity because it is too late and too costly. They should draw up a shortlist of suitable nursing homes and consider selling the house to meet the fees when one of

Kean Scager, of Whitechurch Securities in Bristol. said: "I suggest the couple take a gamble and do nothing. If necessary, their son can use it (the home) as collateral to take out a loan to pay for her care." IFACare Ltd, at 17-19 Emery Road, Brislington, Bristol. BS4 SPF, will send a list of five IFAs

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Labour's gift to speculators

Poor Clare Short. Higher Labour authority did not allow her either to stop the Railtrack sale going ahead or to promise renationalisation down the line. So the Shadow Transport Secretary was left to harry the sale. which her party is nominally dead against, as best she could.

Investors were warned off, on the ground that her proposals were more draconian than the City realised. She advised against buying Railtrack shares for anything better than a fairly safe, low return. Only the odd bank seems to have taken fright. Once the range of sale terms emerged, Labour focused its attack on the disgraceful "giveaway" of valuable public assets at a discount.

Investors should be grateful for this huffing and puffing, though taxpayers should be annoyed. As in previous utility sales, all opposed by Labour, shares have been priced cautiously, predicating modest real dividend growth and allowing for political risk. Labour is expected to be in government within a year, so fast returns have also been factored in.

These include the usual instalment terms and an unusual early dividend. plus a 5 per cent discount on the first payment for private investors using the UK public offer. Preferential investors through Share Shops, many of whom have had to apply by now, are also due a discount off the second instalment on up to 800 shares after the election. This depressingly familiar cycle of threat and comforter has made Railtrack a good short-term bet for private investors with modest ambitions. One-off benefits, especially the dividend due in October, are



worth having provided the underlying share rating is robust.

At the minimum 350p to institutions or to a private investor seeking a big stake, Railtrack would sell at seven times likely 1996-97 earnings, and yield an ongoing 7.4 per cent. That would be a lowly rating. In the first three years, Railtrack might well beat profit and dividend targets. like other utilities. Revenue contracts have been signed up to 2001 and there is no threat to rip these

up against Railtrack's wishes. In this case, however, do not rely on hopes of a repeat of other recent privatisations, which combined a low rating with high performance. Railtrack depends on rail subsidies from taxpayers. Its affairs will stay highly political whatever party is in power. Like BT and British Gas, it will be governed by regulators who hear dozens of voices with vested interests against its shareholders and only one loud voice in their defence. Taxpayers, customers and suppliers would all cry foul if Railtrack dividends grew at a double-figure rate. Operations are riskier too. British

Rail has been blown up into smithereens. It is possible that they will all work perfectly under the brave new rail system. More likely, one of Railtrack's train operating customers, or one or more of its previously state-owned suppliers, will get into trouble or have to renegotiate contracts. Remember that Railtrack needs to press its suppliers to cut costs as contracts fall due and that most of these cuts will be at the expense of fed-up former BR employees.

nould institutions turn cautious on price, private investors should feel safe, thanking Labour for the speculative margin. If, as seems likely, their bids for shares push the sale price up near to the maximum 390p, the market should be healthy when the shares are quoted, unless world stock markets slide badly meanwhile.

Labour, having ignored the invitation to threaten doom, should not harm Railtrack badly before 2000. Private investors should not be thinking of Railtrack on a longer horizon than that. In any case, Railtrack has the underlying protection of a utility that needs to

invest more than its profits. If that investment is to happen. investors must be offered fairly sale returns, even if they are as modest as the sale price implies. Railtrack might even end up as utility investments were originally meant to be.

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Sara McConnell on the worrying cost of providing for the future

Age-old problem of retirement

aside nothing for their pension will be able to build up enough for a comfortable retirement only if they commit at least a fifth of their annual salary to their pension, alarming figures calculated this week show. Those who reach 50 with no pension will be unable to catch up because the amount they would have to invest would exceed Inland Reve-

The Times commissioned Bacon & Woodrow, the firm of actuaries, to calculate the figures, amid growing concern across the political spectrum and throughout the pensions industry that people hugely underestimate the need for pension provision and the cost of delaying even for a few

Less than half the working population are members of a company pension scheme. The rest will have to rely on an ever-dwindling basic state pension and possibly a small amount of state earnings related pension, topped up by whatever contributions they make to their own personal pension. Millions of people have

personal pensions, but many of these invest only the re-**6** Anyone over bates they get from 50 will hit contracting out of the state earnings related pension a thick scheme. The Labour Party made it Revenue clear this week that glass general election it ceiling 🤊 will recognise the need for a radical overhaul of the

public and private sectors. Bacon & Woodrow has calculated that even delaying starting a personal pension until the age of 30 can be costly especially for women and married couples. Women have to save more than men to get the same pension because they live longer and so get a smaller annuity. Married couples will have to put more aside if they want to protect their dependants with widowers' or widows' pensions.

pension system, possibly involving

the setting up of low-cost voluntary

schemes run in partnership with the

A 30-year-old man would need to put 12 per cent of his salary aside to get a pension of two thirds of his final salary, the generally agreed acceptable level for a comfortable retirement. This is £2,100 a year on a £17,500 salary. Single and married men would have to put aside 14 per cent of their salary, while married women would need 15 per cent.

Affordability is the only constraint at this age, says Nigel O'Sullivan, of Bacon & Woodrow. But delaying for another ten years brings people perilously close to Inland Revenue limits on pension contributions. The Government offers some of the most generous tax-breaks on pensions to encourage people to save. Contribu-tions attract tax relief at the highest rate, while investments roll up taxfree and 25 per cent of the resulting fund can be taken as a tax-free lump sum. But to stop this being too much of a good thing, the Revenue puts limits on contributions.

The 20 per cent limit on contributions for 36 to 45-year-olds will just about allow 40-year-old single men to catch up in building up a decent pension. But women of the same age and married couples are barred by the Revenue from putting in as much

On Bacon & Woodrow's calculations, anyone over 50 will hit a thick Revenue glass ceiling, quite apart from being faced with the prospect of contributing nearly half their salary to their pension.

Once people reach 60, starting a pension is no longer practical, says Mr O'Sullivan. The cost of their

up their whole salary and more. Those with no pension at this stage will need to rely on income from other sources. such as investments, or lump sums from inheritances or maturing endowments, for example. All the figures exclude the impact of set-up

charges and commission, which can be substantial. In some cases, almost the whole investment into a personal pension is eaten up by charges in the early years, which would mean contributions would need to be even higher than Bacon & Woodrow suggests. Mr O'Sullivan says: "These figures

show how valuable occupational schemes are and that people should join them if they have the option." Employers normally contribute to occupational schemes, which also provide for dependants and include other benefits. These have to be bought separately in personal pensions. Public trust in existing personal

pensions has been severely shaken by the still unravelling pension mis-selling scandal, in which people were advised to transfer out of more generous company schemes into riskier, more expensive personal pensions. But they are for now the main alternative to company pensions, as other investments do not offer such generous tax breaks.



Kay Lynch does not want to tie up money in a pension that may be needed at any time by her family

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When no pension means no worries

yay and Gerry Lynch have novision, although they are both over 45. In theory, they should be in a panic, but in practice they are

Mrs Lynch says: "I don't want to be impoverished but I feel we have a good lifestyle and a good standard of living. Our highest expenses are now putting our two children through university. The money we're spending now will be free in a year and then we can think

But the Lynches, who own a business buying and selling woodworking machinery, are unenthusi-astic about the prospect of personal pensions, not least because of the recent mis-selling scandal. "I've lost confidence in personal pensions. The pensions industry is just in it for itself," says Mrs Lynch. The lack of control of money within a personal pension is also a disadvantage as far as Mrs Lyuch is concerned. "I want control over my money. I want a big hand in the investment of my money. I will study and take advice, but I want control."

Reluctance to lock away large sums of money for retirement could mean avoiding traditional pensions altogether and investing the money in personal equity plans or shares. where the Lynches could get at the money if they need it.
Nic Round, of Nic Round &

Associates in Shrewsbury, says: "The Lynches have property assets and stock for their business. Pension funding is very important for the employed because they have nothing else. With your own business, you have other assets to generate

£100? Is this a Building Societies Commission rule

No. But most societies have taken advantage of an option in the commission's rules that sets £100 as the minimum balance members need to be able to vote. However, having the right to vote does not necessarily mean you get a payout, as many members know to their cost. Not having the right to vote does not mean you lose out either. Nonvoters can receive a statutory cash bonus. It is up to societies to set qualifying

A QUESTION OF MONEY

The good, bad and ugly sides of mergers

Building society mergers have left millions of long-term savers angry and mystified. Some have failed to qualify for payouts, while others who have been with the society for much less time find themselves in some cases thousands of pounds richer. Confronting the society concerned often provokes the answer that it is powerless to do anything because it has to act within "the law", in this case the Building Societies Act 1986. But how much discretion do building societies have?

And if you think you have been treated unfairly to whom can you turn? What are the roles of the Building Societies Commission and the Building Societies Om-

Why is it that, in some building societies, anyone with less than £100 in their account at a certain date will not qualify, while others let members qualify as long as they top up their account before flotation?

A it is up to use societies themselves to It is up to the building choose how they want to structure the qualifying dates, although they have to follow broad guidance set down by their regulator, the **Building Societies Commis**sion. The Alliance & Leicester will allow members to qualify if they top up their account to the requisite £100 balance 56 days before members vote to approve its plans to convert. The Woolwich, by contrast, decided that only those with £100 or more in a share account on December 31, 1995, would qualify. But it did not announce its plans to convert until January. This had the effect of excluding what its chief executive called "carpetbaggers", attracted to the Woolwich by press reports in

the new year. The freedom to set qualifying dates is key for societies: This governs not only who qualifies but who gets higher bonuses as members of two years' standing.

What is so magic about the balance of

bonus payouts. O Can building societies

Going

make their own rules about joint accounts too?

Yes, although they have to work within the framework of the Building Societies Act. It was the Act that until last year prevented second-named holders on joint accounts of more than two years' standing from getting a payout if the first-named holder on the account died. But an outcry from disenfranchised widows and widowers resulted in changes to the Act so that a secondnamed holder can now get the same benefits as a firstnamed holder. But societies can choose whether or not to include the changes in their bonus distribution (although in practice most will). They can also choose how to handle bonuses for successors to holders of sole-named

Why can't branch staff warn people not to transfer money to other accounts or change names on acccounts in case they lose the bonus!

A Branch sum any normally know any Branch staff do not more than their customers about takeover or merger plans before they are announced. Societies are keen to discourage speculators or cause a run on their funds and discussions take place at board level in great secrecy. After the plans are an-nounced, branch staff are forbidden under the Building Societies Act from talking to customers about how the merger may affect them in case some members unfairly receive more information than others.

If I have been exclud-ed because of the building society's decision to set dates or arrange accounts in a certain way, can I get redress? Unfortunately, this is

A not easy. The Building Societies Ombudsman is allowed to deal only with the operation and running of accounts, not membership issues, which takeover and merger bonuses are deemed allowed to deal with complaints about bonus exclusions. The Building Societies Commission regulates building societies and must formally approve takeovers and mergers. But its responsibility is to make sure societies have complied with their own rules and those of the Building Societies Act and have given members equal access to information during

SARA MCCONNELL



Investment with a social conscience Some organisations give priority to

close to £1 billion is now make money are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

The environmentally aware are now also seeking out banks and other institutions with an overtly ethical stance. Those truly determined to live a green lifestyle, for example, apply for a mortgage from the Ecology Building Society in Keighley, West Yorkshire.

The main players in the social and ethical field include: The Co-operative Bank: the largest and best known of the financial institutions with a defined ethical investment polethical issues, says Clare Stewart

branch or call 0800 905090. Triodos Bank: The Dutch banking group, which last year merged with UK associate Mercury Provident, describes itself as a social and environmental bank. From its UK headquarters in Bristol, Triodos offers a range of personal savings accounts, tax-exempt special savings ac-counts (Tessas) as well as business and charity accounts. It is authorised by the Bank of England and supports a wide

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range of projects in the UK and overseas including organic farming, housing co-operatives, as well as fair trade projects such as Café Direct, which sells coffee produced by co-operatives in South America. Details: 0500 008720. Shared Interest: This

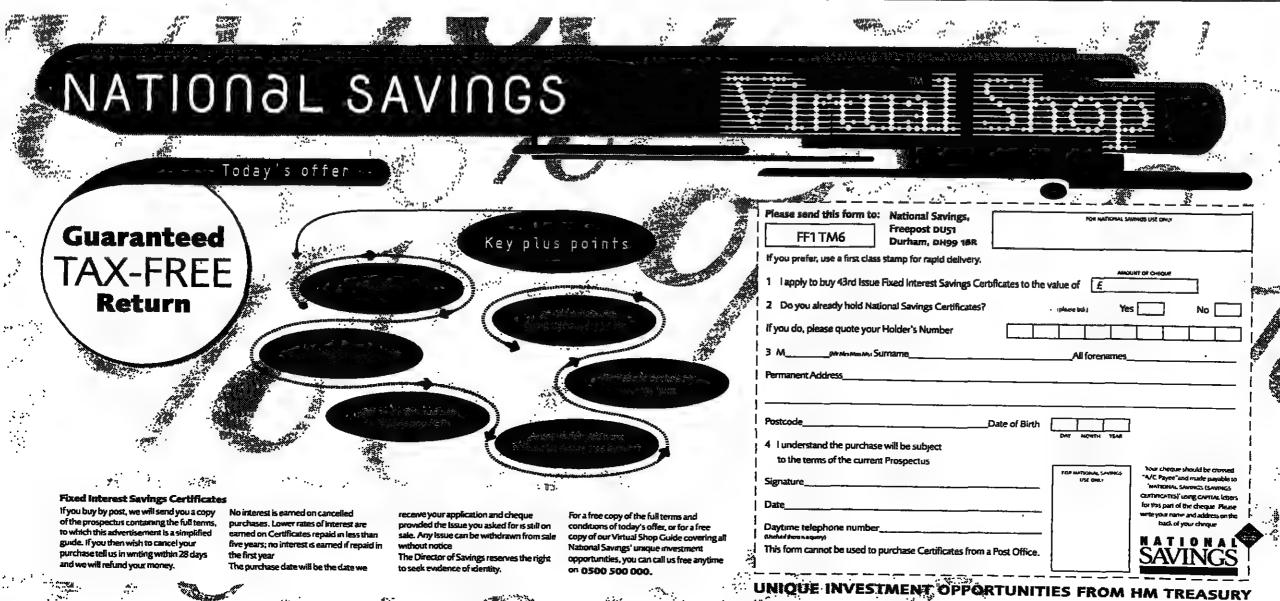
Newcastle-based group specialises in providing fi-nance for Third World projects. The group is registered as an industrial and provident society. As such

ship Finance: ICOF was esoperatives in the UK, although has since broadened its lending criteria to include a wide range of community projects and businesses. 'We call ourselves social venture capitalists - lending at risk to create opportunity, says Martin Hockly, invest-

Scheme. Details: 0345 023008.

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ment appraisal officer. ICOF is regulated by Imro in respect of the financial advice it gives to other enterprise organisations but investors are not covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme. Details: 01604 37563.



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Plainly the wrong prescription

cant failings in the Government's generally unsatisfactory long-term care proposals. The first is the mistaken belief that people are already making sufficient provision for their pensions and can easily find a little extra to set aside for declining years. The second is the foolish decision to trust the life insurance industry to behave honourably when presented with

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an opportunity for extra sales, Statistics plainly show that we are not saving enough for retirement. This is the result not only of a reluctance to lock away money when employment prospects are uncertain, but also of a widespread ignorance about the levels of contributions required to ensure a reasonable payout. Hands up all 40-year-olds putting aside 20 per cent of their earnings into a pension, the amount that actuaries consider desir-

able (see page 30).

A recent Mintel survey reveals that, in some areas of



COMMENT

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Britain, only 10 per cent of the inhabitants can contemplate a comfortable retirement. If millions cannot, or will not, invest in pensions, there is little chance that they will take out costly long-term care

We can expect, however, that the insurers will strive to overcome these obstacles. Aiding and abetting their efforts will be freedom from official regulation. The £4 billion personal pension debacle shows what life insurers can do, even when bound by strict rules. Constrained only by an industry code of selling practice, they will

indulge in a spree of coercion, preying on the universal fear of a sick and dependent old

Until compensation for the personal pension scandal is properly resolved, it is inappropriate even to think of giving insurers any more responsibility for the welfare of the elderly.

Charging ahead? SO FAR as a British banker

is concerned, nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina. or any other American state. In the US, customers must pay for the privilege of

Chase Manhattan, for examole, those with a balance of less than \$3,000 (£2,000) face a monthly service fee and charges for everything, including cheque books.

Introducing similar fees has, for some years, been the secret dream of every UK high street bank. But fear of had publicity has, to date, kept them faithful to free banking, an early Eighties innovation that did not disappear with puffball skirts.

Barclays's new account is the start of the retreat. Hugely relieved that someone else made the first move, its competitors are now confessing that they have something similar in mind.

We can expect a stream of inferior banking packages, with fees and "free" extras of dubious value. There is also talk of high quality "silver" services, although properly organising such a thing is probably beyond the ability of any high street bank I know.

Going with current flow

The main banks are planning to relaunch their current accounts after this week's announcement of a new account by Barclays. The move by the high street clearers to revamp accounts is an admission that many are finding it difficult to make profits on this type of

Recessions are good for current account profitability. The more overdrawn customers become, the more money that banks can make. In fact, the 20 per cent or so of bank customers who regularly use overdrafts pay for the free banking enjoyed by millions who remain in credit.

However, when recession eases, and customers begin to pay off debts, banks make less money. Over the past few months, analysts have been predicting that some of the banks could have to introduce charges on current accounts in credit because some have become un-

The new account announced this week by Barclays - Additions - is targeted at those who have a family, or are planning to start one. The account, which costs £60 a year, includes £5,000 worth of life cover, discounted private medical insurance for those under 21, a free legal helpline and a free will-writing service.

Some banking analysts believe that Additions will allow the bank to cross-sell other financial services products, such as

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Barclays Additions is family-targeted

more life insurance to top up the £5,000 free cover on offer.

A recent report by Mintel suggested that the pressure on current account business could force banks to start discriminating against customers who fail to buy products such as life insurance,

pensions, or mortgages from the bank The report suggests that customers regarded as "profitable" could be treated more favourably and could find overdraft fees waived, for example.

The other clearing banks said that they would watch the progress of the Additions bank account with interest. The account, which is being piloted in four regions in the UK from June 3, will be promoted

with a television advertising campaign, Natwest. Lloyds and Midland are also considering launching revamped current accounts. For instance, Lloyds, which is now merged with TSB, says that its current account is now under review. It adds that it has no intention of introducing charges on the account. In particular, it is keen to emphasise the importance of offering an entire range of products to current-account customers.

David McLean, Natwest head of personal banking, said: "The concept of packaging a current account with other services has validity. In other countries such as America, Australia, Spain, Belgium and Holland this has become more and more the trend."

John Carroll, Midland head of consumer products, said of Barclays product: "We would favour a more simplified

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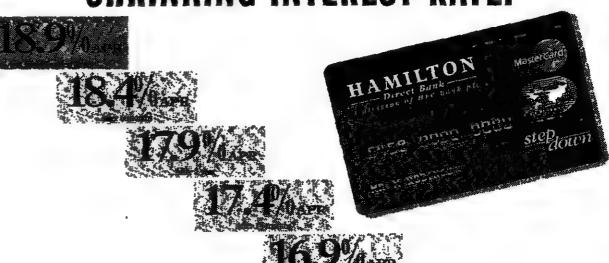
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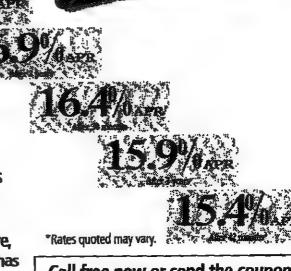
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Direct Line's drop in pre-tax profit from £45 to £5 million also sparked predictions that the smaller players in the insurance market would retire hurt or be swallowed up by

larger competitors.

There are now 50 telephone-based insurers, all of whom are competing in a market that has grown by an estimated 3 per cent over the past few years. The insurance industry has been giving out mixed messages on whether Direct Line's results will be the catalyst to send motor premiums rising again after a 20 per cent fall in just two years.

Peter Wood, chairman of Direct Line, has predicted 3 to

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Royal and Sun's planned marriage has sparked talk in the City

4 per cent rises across the board, with increases up to 15 per cent in the industry as a whole. But Graham Gould, partner with a strategic consultancy, the COBA Group, said: "If Direct Line and the larger general insurers put up prices, its rivals like Churchill

and Admiral will simply undercut them to win their business. Until there is much more consolidation in the market I see no signs of premiums rising significantly."

Large insurance companies

are also believed to be eveing building societies and mutual life companies. Friends Provident, the life insurer, is widely acknowledged to be looking for a powerful parent. Mr Gould believes that

within five years there will be only small societies left, which provide a niche market service to their local communities. The rest will be banks or subsidiaries of larger insurance companies and organisations overseas," he said.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE TIMES WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Large institutions will soon be the only shareholders never see the accounts of any

sometime, some very large From Mr J. Denza Sir, The arguments in favour fraud does not occur. Despite my reservations, I

of the Crest share dealing system (Weekend Money. April 27) are valid and you put them well. I hope you will soon put those against it too. The first point I would make is that having everything in nominee names, as proposed

under the new system, provides a massive potential opportunity for fraud. I do not expect it to happen this week, this year or indeed this century, but it will be a near miracle if somewhere.

Revenue ahead by a

nose — Pinocchio's

Sir, In reference to your Week-end Money comment (April

27), I have come upon further

examples of the lack of can-

dour in the self-assessment

system from my reading of the

Inland Revenue's own publi-

cation, Self Assessment — a

general guide. A diagram on page 8 of the guide appears to summarise the arrangements

for sending back your return

and paying your tax. It states

that payments must be made January 31, after the end of the

However, two pages later, we learn that, for the self-employed and some others,

two payments on account will

have to be made, the first one

on January 31 in the tax year

and another on July 31 follow-

ing the end of the tax year, plus a third balancing pay-

ment or repayment on January 31 after that. This news is

tucked away in a sub-

Further revelations for

those who rent out flats or

houses appear in the notes to

the 1996 tax return. Paragraph

22 sets out new rules for

income from rent which are

now to be treated as "arising

It seems that the Inland

Revenue now expects that rent

and the expenses related to earning it are to be accounted for on an accrual rather than a

To be fair, the Revenue does,

in paragraph 91, agree that, if rent is paid weekly or month-

ly, then a cash accounting

basis is acceptable. But this concession is limit-

ed to gross rents (before costs) of £15,000 a year.

Significantly, this same figure of £15,000 a year is the threshold above which the

taxpayer has to provide de-tailed accounts to the Revenue.

This limit has been un-changed for several years

which probably means that the £15,000 rent threshold will also not be increased in line

Lack of candour aside, it would be nice to know which politician, and when, agreed

to the vote-winning changes.

Self Assessment — a general

logo on the back; perhaps the

taxman cartoon character on

the front should be redrawn with Pinocchio's nose.

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From Mr J. Hildreth

ited some investments a few years ago, advised them to use a broker's nominee company. The biggest disadvantage emerged later. They may "own" shares but they are not shareholders. They have no votes, they are not invited to general meetings and — prob-ably most important — they

do not deny the overall advantages of the nominee system and, when my children inher-

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purposes, a few large financial institutions will soon be the only shareholders in most public companies. So much for shareholder democracy. My father was a jobber, to whom the integrity of "The

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House" was very important. I am glad he has not lived to see the depths to which it is descending. Yours sincerely, JOHN DENZA. 85 Redington Road, NW3.

The good news is :- They have rounded the three-farthings to the nearest penny, apparently



From Mr P. C. Corbett Sir, When my uncle was born, his mother took out a life insurance policy for him from the man from the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society who came round each week for the

copper's contribution. When my unde married, his mother turned the policy over to him to continue. In the mid-Thirties, my uncle tired of the weekly payments and commuted it to a fully paid-up life insurance policy of £13 4s 7d —

just about enough to bury him. My uncle died last year, some 60 years later. Sure enough, the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society paid out on the policy — £13.23 — enough

for a bunch of flowers. Interest? No, they didn't charge for keeping the money safely. Incidentally, a solicitor was appointed as executor in my uncle's will. He was very reasonable. He only charged £15 for his letter accompanying the

death certificate to the Liver-

pool Victoria. Thus were the

poor kept in their proper place. When my uncle died, he had £2.04 in a Post Office account for 16 years: I do not think we can afford to tell the solicitor. Yours humbly, PETER CORBETT,

Collingbourne Kingston, Near Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Battle of sexes brought to account at the bank

From Mrs D. Massey

have recently been in a similar situation to your reader Mrs Young (letters, March 30). When I showed some annoyance at finding that a bank account automatically went in my husband's name, even though all the money in it is mine (we both have other accounts). I was told that "It's etiquette". My banker tells me that he phoned round to

was told that no one had ever asked for such a thing as putting the woman first I was given the impression that I was being rather "infra-dig" even to suggest it. Yours faithfully, MRS D. MASSEY, 43 Meadowpark Road, Wollaston,

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Karen Zagor on investors facing ruin in the bird-buying debacle

Legal battle over ostrich firm



The fate of thousands of investors with the Ostrich Farming Corporation remained in the balance this week when the company decided to fight a winding-up order from the Department of Trade and Industry.

The saga is now likely to drag on into the summer. At the High Court this week, the Registrar gave the company 21 days to file its evidence. The DTI will then have 14 days to reply. Then, a time will have to be found for a hearing by a judge in the Chancery Division.

Because the case is seen to be of great public concern, it is expected to be heard fairly quickly once all the evidence is filed, certainly before the courts break at the end of July.

Investors and the OFC alike are awaiting a report by Michael Pugh, the Official Receiver who was appointed provisional liquidator by the courts in March. Mr Pugh has made two trips to Belgium, where the birds bought by OPC investors are being held on seven sites, but has not yet issued any findings. He is expected to ask the court for permission to dip into funds for the continued upkeep of the birds.

It is understood that he is satisfied that each bird has been properly tagged with an electronic device, with one owner per bird. About 3,000 birds ostrich farming, saying that the wild

were in Belgium when the provisional winding-up order was issued. It is unclear what the ownership position is for another 900 birds which were in transit from Namibia to Belgium at the time. Nor is it clear who owns the chicks

being produced. The OFC is the subject of three separate investigations: by the DTI, the Serious Fraud Office and the Advertising Standards Authority. The DTI's winding-up petition alleges that the OFC used intermediary companies (called "the Wallstreet companies") to buy birds rather than buying directly from the farm, allowing Wallstreet to make profits at the OFC's expense for no discernible benefit.

It alleges that OFC entered into uncommercial contracts with a number of other companies that were not in the interest of OFC, allowing the recorded directors of the other companies to benefit financially. It also claims the company is partly under the control of a person alleged not fit to be a company director. The petition adds that the scheme was bound to collapse "as soon as saturation point is reached and insufficient new members join".

At the High Court on Wednesday, animal rights campaigners protested at spaces in a cold, wet climate.

If the DTI is successful and the OFC is wound up, investors will be left with little protection. Because they bought birds rather than shares, their investment falls outside the regulatory umbrella and they will not be covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme.

Ithough most owners hold certifi-A cates identifying their individual birds, the Receiver has made it clear that he still has questions about the precise ownership position of individual birds. If the owners do receive their birds, they will have to make arrangements to have them fed and cared for, at additional expense.

For investors considering one of the many other ostrich investment schemes still being advertised, there are lessons to be learnt from the OFC case. regardless of the outcome. The first is to remember that this is an unregulated industry, so part with money only you can afford to lose.

The second is to remember that the market for ostrich meat is not yet established. Indeed, there is only one officially approved ostrich abattoir in Europe. Projections for growth are purely speculative.



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Barbara Day, reading the newsletter from her investment in ostrich farming, flew to Belgium to try to safeguard her birds

For investors who can afford to lose the money they put into buying Ostrich Farming Corporation birds, the delay in resolving the winding-up petition by the Department of Trade and Industry is little more than an inconvenience. For those who invested their life's savings after reading of guaranteed returns of 51.6 per cent a year,

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the wait is unbearable. Annette Richardson, who lives in Portugal with her husband and their four children, now thoroughly regrets her decision to buy ostriches. The Richardsons paid £15,400 earlier this year to buy a breeder bird and one chick after seeing an advertisement for the company in the pages of Anglo-Portuguese News, an

English language newspaper. We came to Portugal in September 1994 in the hope of a better lifestyle for ourselves and our children," Mrs Rich-ardson writes. "We live, eat and sleep in one main room we have a small kitchen and equally small bathroom. We invested what little money we had left after the sale of our house in England in the Ostrich Farming Company, believing it to be a very successful and enterprising business, and, as we have a great deal of work to do on our house here, we thought

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"News of the court case has come as a devastating blow . . . for if the Department of Trade and Industry are successful in their plea, our home and our livelihood are very seri-

threatened. Our financial situation is such that we cannot afford to be legally represented or even to join the action group being set up.

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bury your head in the sand ...? The choice is yours,' said the advertisement. With very little money and a family to raise, a home to run and bills to pay, I could easily become my home are the only true

investments I have. I may well be ignored, but someone, somewhere will hear my voice - and let this be a lesson to

other would-be investors." Barbara Day, who paid £40,000 to buy seven ostriches. is less perturbed. When rumours of trou-

> bles with the company arose, Ms Day flew to Belwhere the birds are being held, in order to speak to Eddy Nachtergaele, the farmer who is

looking after them in the hours before the Official Receiver stepped in, Ms Day says she picked out her own birds at the farm and made separate arrangements for their upkeep.

"I'm not concerned about the upkeep of my birds and I've made an arrangement with Eddy in Belgium," she said. "If the DTI wants to get a hand on my birds, they will have to do it through the Beigian courts."

Ms Day says that many investors have not yet been contacted by the DTI. "I know for a fact that there are four people that the DTI has not contacted - two are my sons," she said. "They all have certificates of ownership. There are probably other owners in the field who have not been

contracted. "I am also concerned that the DTI is claiming that Brian Ketchell should not be allowed to be a director of the company because of his activities in the past. If this is the case, why was he allowed to become a director? Is there no saleguard to ensure that this doesn't

happen again?"

The question of saleguards also worried Basil Malandrinos, one of the many investors who packed into the High Court on Wednesday to hear the outcome of the winding-up petition. He said: "Why has the DTI allowed the other ostrich investment companies to keep advertising? And where is Eddy getting his finances to look after the birds? We've had no assurance that he is being paid. I find the whole thing thoroughly depressing."

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looking forward to reaping the benefits of their building society's flotation are locked in to savings rates that are much lower than the rates on equivalent accounts in societies that are still holding on to mutual status.

The average interest rate on an instant access account with one of the top 20 mutual building societies is about 3.6 per cent for balances of £15,000. Banks and those building societies that are planning to convert into banks offer average interest rates on their accounts of 2.9 per cent nearly 20 per cent lower than equivalent accounts in a mutual society.

A sum of £30,000 in one of the biggest mutual's instant access accounts will, on average, reap an interest rate of 4.1 per cent. Banks and societies planning to convert offer an average rate of 3.38 per cent — 17 per cent lower than the mutual equivalent.

Savers with the Northern Rock, the Halifax, the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester, all of which are planning to demutualise, have to keep their money with these societies until after the flotations have gone ahead to ensure that they benefit from the maximum amount of cash or shares. Most of the flotations are not expected to be finalised until the middle of

The highest rate on an instant access account is offered by the Portman Building Society, a society that is keen to emphasise its commitment to remaining mutual. All those with an instant access account in this society get a rate of 4.8 per cent. The lowest rate is from the Northern Rock Society, which is aiming to float on the stock market at the beginning of next year. Instant



Many savers are locked like Houdini into low rates as they await their society's flotation

access savers with this society get a rate of between 0.65 per cent and 1.9 per cent. A balance of £15,000 in the Portman would earn £500 more interest a year than the same amount in the Northern Rock account.

Andrew Kuipers, Northern Rock assistant general manager. defended its low rate by pointing out that it had other accounts with better rates. He said: "Members can switch to other Northern Rock accounts and not jeopardise their membership rights."

Mr Kuipers said that the society was trying to encourabout £200 less a year than the

age savers to switch their money to longer notice accounts. He highlighted the Great Northern postal deposit account that offers savers an interest rate of between 6.25 per cent and 7 per cent.

The minimum amount that can be invested in this account is £5.000, which could serve to lock out many of those hoping

to switch their money. Millions of savers in the Halifax's Liquid Gold instant access account earn interest of between I and 4 per cent. An investment of £15,000 would earn interest of 3.3 per cent —

same amount in the Portman account. A Halifax spokeswoman said that the Liquid Gold scheme was one of its most popular accounts.

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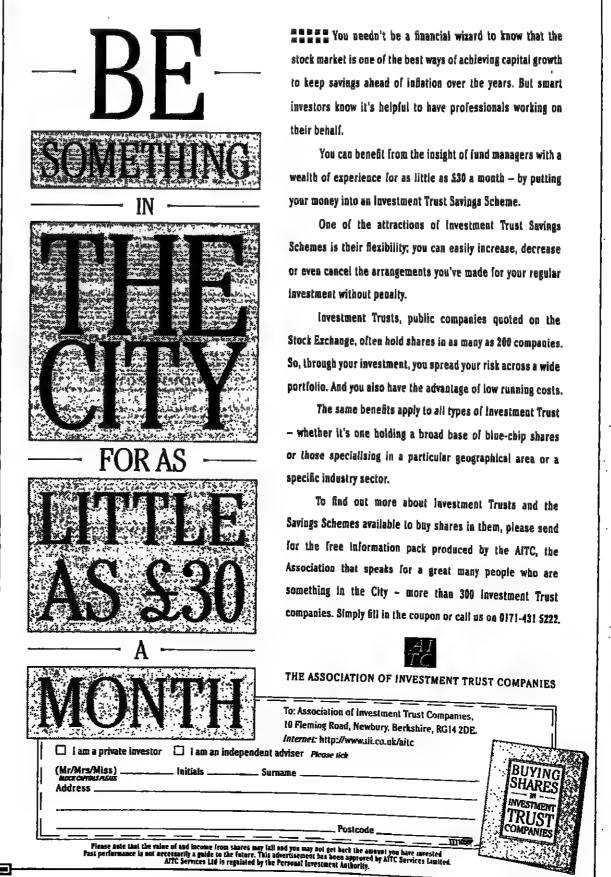
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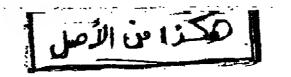
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The Woolwich Building Society pays an even lower interest rate, of 3.15 per cent, on its instant access account. Paul Rogers, a Woolwich spokesman, said that the rate was in line with its competitors. "It is well within the band

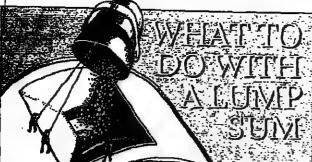
of what is acceptable," he said. The Alliance & Leicester's instant access account offers an even more miserly rate of 2.85 per cent on balances of







Pick and mix choice in the bewildering world of trusts



THE pleasure of having money can be spoilt by the problems of finding a good home for it. The arrival of a lump sum means the start of a search through the options, bewildering both in their variety and their complexity. Even if you are content to leave the cash in the safety of the building society, it may still be difficult to select the most suitable account - especially when the best rates may be

available through the post and not the branch.

To help you to make an informed choice, read our four-page guide to investing a lump sum. We assess the most popular schemes, bonds of every type, building societies, National Savings, investment and unit trusts, personal equity plans (Peps) and gilts.

Jenturing beyond the safe haven of the building society into the world of trip into uncharted waters. To guide you through the bewildering variety on offer, we asked four experts for their

The main difference between a lump sum and a staggered investment into an investment or unit trust is the timing. If you are dripping money in slowly every month, you do not need to worry about whether the market is at a peak or trough. But with a lump sum, the value of your investment can plummet immediately if your timing is off. With markets still flirting with record levels, it makes sense to wait for a bad week in the City before buying into a unit trust. With investment trusts, it often makes sense to wait for shares

But timing is less important than choosing the right fund. Here, the same rules apply as with any investment. Investors need to look for a fund manager with a good reputation. They also need to decide whether they want to invest aggressively, perhaps risking money in they want to be more cautious. It usually pays to get advice when looking for the right

fund, or balance of funds. Tax is also a consideration. Higher rate taxpayers, for example, will probably not benefit from an income fund unless the gains are protected from the taxman through a personal equity plan (Pep). But the most important thing for investors to remember is that these are long-term investments and should be held for at least four

Matthew Orr, partner at Killik & Co, the stockbroker, says clients tend to be looking for capital growth rather than income. "We have been concentrating on UK smaller com-pany funds and on invesco English and international. It is quite an aggressive growth orientated fund and is a little more geared than average, so it

is not for the cautious investor." Killik is also keen on certain sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, where it recommends the Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceutical Trust, launched last year, and multimedia and technology, where Mr Orr likes the Herald Investment Trust. For those who just want one fund. Mr Orr suggests Pictet British Investment Trust, recently launched by the Swiss Bank.

Tor people who aiready have investments in the UK and Europe, Mr Orr suggests looking at emerging markets for long-term growth. Templeton's Emerging Markets Fund has one of the most consistent records in a volatile

Ian Millward, investment marketing manager at Chase De Vere investments, a firm of financial advisers, recom-mends the Schroder UK Enterprise frund. "This is a proven fund management group and a proven fund manager. The fund is very focused and its research is such that it has done very well." Mr Millward also likes Morgan Grenfell European Growth and Europa funds for people who already have a strong UK portfolio. Both invest across continental Europe. The Europa fund is equivalent to a smaller compenies fund.

Chase de Vere also recommends having a small exposure to emerging markets. Here, Mr Millward suggests looking at the Schroder and Mercury funds, "You want a broad base with emerging market funds.



These funds will never be top performers, but for emerging markets you want to reduce the risk, not increase it. So you want a fund that has exposure to a large number of different markets and different

countries."

Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Gayler, the financial adviser, would weight a portfolio towards UK general equity funds but would also have exposure to UK smaller companies, European equity. Japan equity, Far East and emerging mrkets, international funds and fixed-interest funds. "As we are fee-based, we would not rush into purchasing all at once to generate income for ourselves but would wait for weakness in the market before making purchases. In uncer-

tain conditions it can easily

take six to 12 months to move from cash to fully invested." James Higgins, of Chamber-

lain de Broe, the fee-based financial adviser, usually sugthey are cheaper to get into than unit trusts. He also believes that the structure of investment trusts gives fund managers more autonomy, making the funds less vulnerable to the whims of the average punter.

Two trusts, Bankers Trust and Law Debenture, have been excellent performers over the past few years." Mr Higgins says the only unit trust that compares is the Prolific Technology trust, which is quite volatile. He also likes the Morgan Grenfell European

A personal equity plan allows you to shelter up to £9,000 a year in equities and other investments from income tax and capital gains tax. A couple can invest a total of £18,000 every year, and husband and wife Pep portfolios of £100,000 are not uncommon.

ian Millward, of Chase de Vere, says: "Very often a single Pep doesn't carry a huge benefit. The benefit comes when you've managed to utilise five or six years of Pep allowances and you've got a substantial sum tucked away from the taxman."

Your main Pep each year can hold up to £6,000, but you can top this up with a further £3,000 in a single-company Pep. Your main Pep fund manager will put your money into the company's unit trusts or investment trusts. These are both collective share ownership vehicles that allow small investors to spread the risk across many different companies. The Pep is not an investment plan in its own right, but a "wrapping" that shelters your investments from tax.

Some Peps will put your money into just one trust, usually a broadly based UK equities fund, while others mix and match a selection of their trusts. If the fund managers do their job well, the growing price of the shares you own will provide capital growth, while the dividends paid can be taken as income. Many will find the Peps

CGT exemption irrelevant, at least in the plan's early years. CCT starts only when your gains have reached £6,300 a year. But there is no downside to owning a Pep as far as you own shares and are not taking full advantage of your £6,000 Pep limit, then you are throwing money away in tax you need not be paying.

Historically, share investment has given a much bener return than the bank or building society. But this comes at the price of increased risk, and you should be sure you are prepared to accept the possibility of your investment falling well below its original value. Like all equity based investments, vou should aim

Peps offer shelter from taxman

to hold your Pep for a period of five years or more. Figures from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds show that £1,000 placed in the average UK equity income pep on April 1 1986, with gross income reinvested, would have been worth £3,279 ten years later. This compares to £2,299 for the average corporate bond Pep.

Charges: When Richard Branson entered the Pep market with Virgin Direct in March 1995, he sparked a price war that is still going strong. Until then, many Peps had made an entry charge of about 5 per cent, benefit. Virgin's Peps were launched with no initial charge, which left many of the company's competitors scrabbling to catch up.

Some plans still make an initial charge of about 3 per cent, but even this leaves us with the situation where it is cheaper to buy a Pep than to buy units in the underlying unit trusts. Buying a unit trust direct will normally cost per cent up front. Other fund managers such

as M&G, have replaced the entry charge with tapering exit charges, designed to reward loyalty. Quitting the company's managed income, managed growth and corporate bond Peps will cost 4.5 percent in year one, 4 per cent in year two, 3 per cent in year three, 2 per cent in year four, and I per cent in year five. After that, you can leave without penalty.

However, there is no point

finding a Pep with rock bottom charges only to dis-cover its investment performance is not up to scratch.

If you're confident enough to decide for yourself which Pep you want, you could save money by using an execu-tion-only Pep dealing service such as Wolverhampton's Pep-Direct. It makes a £25 flat rate charge for every Pep, or £12.50 for relatives of existing customers.

Corporate bond Peps: These Peps, which invest in the bonds companies issue as a means of borrowing money, are often used by people who need an immediate high income from their savings. But these Peps make little or no attempt to give capital growth, aiming instead simply to return your original investment as a final payout at the end of the bond's life. In the meantime, the bond will give a good income - typically about 7

per cent a year. The average corporate bond Pep has a term of about eight years and pays a fixedinterest yield that you can take monthly, quarterly or annually. The maximum investment is £6,000 a year, at least half of which must go into EU-based companies.

Tracker Peps: These aim to duplicate the performance of a stock market index such as the FT-SE all-share. They do this either by buying shares in every company represented by their chosen index, or by scientifically sampling just enough com-panies' shares to mirror the performance of the index as a

Miranda Pound, of Direct Line, which is test-marketing its own tracker Pep, says: "They're essentially a safer way to invest in the stock market because the risk is spread over so many different companies."

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Corporate bonds: These bonds are sold by companies. like Glaxo, British Gas and

Grand Metropolitan which want to borrow money from investors, rather like the Government raises money by selling gilts. More private investors are buying them now through corporate bond Peps. These are attractive to those who require an income from their capital. They provide a

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and are relatively low risk.

Escalator bonds: These bonds, also known as step-up bonds, are offered by banks and building societies. They pay a fixed rate of interest which is guaranteed to rise each year or half-year for the term of the bond, usually three to five years. They are normally sold in limited issues. Among those currently on offer, rates typically rise from about 5.75 per cent in year one to 10 per cent in year five. Interest is paid annually, or monthly at a slightly lower rate. To work out how competitive each bond is. its rates should be averaged over the term.

Returns on the bonds are subject to tax, though nontaxpayers can have the income paid gross. Minimum investment required is typically be-tween £2,000 and £5,000. You can get your money back, usually after a year, but you will have to pay a hefty penalty.

Fixed-cate bonds: Also sold by banks and building societies, fixed-rate bonds pay guaranteed rates of interest for terms of between six months and five years or until a specified date when your capital is repaid in full. Interest can be monthly or annually -- or on cent gross have been available

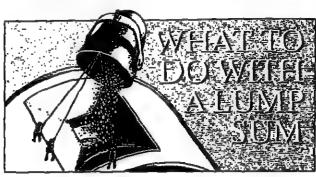
recently on three-year bonds. Care should be taken when timing your investment. If interest rates are expected to go down in the near future, you will need to move fast to lock into the higher level of rates. but if interest rates seem likely to rise, it will be better to delay.

Minimum investment in fixed-rate bonds starts between £1,000 and £5,000. Higher rates may be available on larger sums. Interest is paid net of basic rate tax, but nontaxpayers can have the interest paid gross. Gross payments can also be made on deposits of £50,000 or more.

■ Guaranteed bonds: Guaranteed income and growth bonds are offered by insurance companies. They run for fixed terms of between one and ten years. As their name suggests they provide either a guaranteed income - annual or monthly options are available or a guaranteed return at maturity along with the return

of your original investment. It is important to note that the returns from these bonds are quoted and paid net of basic rate tax. If you are a taxpayer, returns can be more competitive than those offered by bank and building society fixed-rate or escalating bonds, which are always quoted gross. For nonHelen Pridham points out the

perks and pitfalls in picking a bond



taxpayers, though, they may be less attractive because tax cannot be reclaimed.

Guaranteed bonds are actually lump-sum life insurance policies invested in fixed-interest securities such as gilts. Early surrender may be disallowed: if permitted, you may get back less than you invested.

Minimum investment typi-cally starts at about £5,000. larger sums of £10,000 or £20,000 often attract higher returns. To get the best rates, it. is recommended to go through an independent adviser who will know which company is offering the most competitive deal at the time.

■ Guaranteed stock market bonds: Sold by banks and building societies, these have become increasingly popular because they offer some of the thrills of equity investment without the spills if the stock market collapses. Issued for terms of three to five years, returns are linked to any rise in the FT-SE 100 index which tracks the share prices of the

UK's largest 100 companies. Making comparisons between bonds is not always easy. Don't just look at how much of the growth in the index you may get, which can range from, say, 60 to 125 per cent. Other points to note include:

☐ To what percentage of your investment is index growth applied? Sometimes it is only 90 per cent or 95 per cent rather than the full amount. Are the returns quoted before or after tax? insurers normally quote a net growth rate, banks and building societies a gross.

Is there a maximum return?

Sometimes a limit is imposed and you won't get the full rise in the index over that amount. What is the minimum return? If the stock market falls, some bonds merely guarantee to return your original investment, while others promise some return whatever hap-pens. Be particularly careful with guaranteed stock market bonds which pay an "income" - if the index fails to perform as expected you may get back less than you invested

☐ What happens if you wan! your money back early? With some bonds, you are locked in for the full term. Even those that will let you surrender early do not guarantee the full amount. Investment usually starts at about £5,000.

■ Investment bonds: These are sold by insurance companies. Investors can choose from a range of funds specialising in UK shares, overseas shares. commercial property, fixed-interest securities and cash defor "managed" funds which hold a spread of these investments. Tax is paid on the investments within the bonds by the insurance company Higher rate taxpayers can still make withdrawals of 5 per cent per annum without any immediate liability to tax. Investment

normally starts at £1,000. ■ With-profits bonds: The combination of security and real growth prospects offered by with-profits bonds has made them popular investments in recent years. Money is invested in a fund which contains a mixture of assets: UK and international equities, fixedinterest securities and property. Returns from these investments are credited to the bond each year in the form of bonuses. A further "terminal" bonus may also be added after five to

ten years if returns are good. investors who cash in within five years may have to pay a surrender penalty. Most contpanies will pay out the regular bonuses to provide income though investors are generally advised not to withdraw the full bonus, which includes an element of capital appreciation. growth in their underlying capital investment. Returns are paid net of basic rate tax. Minimum investment in bonds

National security for savers

ational Savings is home to more than £60 billion of the 1 1wealth. Its principal appeal to investors is the castiron guarantee on investments in all the schemes.

Rates on National Savings products are fixed according to the Government's need to raise capital to pay off its debts. Rates peak when it needs to attract a great deal of money and fall when there is less pressure to raise cash.

At present. National Savings' returns are not particularly impressive. However, for higher rate taxpayers, some of the tax-free schemes do provide good value.

☐ Premium Bonds are enjoying renewed popularity, especially among the moneyed classes who increasingly choose Emie as home for a portion of a larger lump sum. such as a bonus. There are now 65,000 indviduals with the maximum £20,000 holding. Although no interest is paid, 4.75 per cent of the fund is paid out in prizes.

| Capital Bonds. Minimum investment, £100, maximum,

£250,000. They are a fixed-rate investment, paying a guaran-tee _eturn of 6.65 per cent, if held for the full five-year term. The return is taxable, making it worth 5.32 per cent to a basic rate taxpayer and 3.99 per cent to someone on the higher rate. The interest is added at each anniversary of purchase. ☐ Children's Bonus Bonds.

Minimum, £25, maximum, £1,000. These are another fiveyear investment, offering a tax-free return of 6.75 per cent a year if held for the full term. Or v for under-16s.

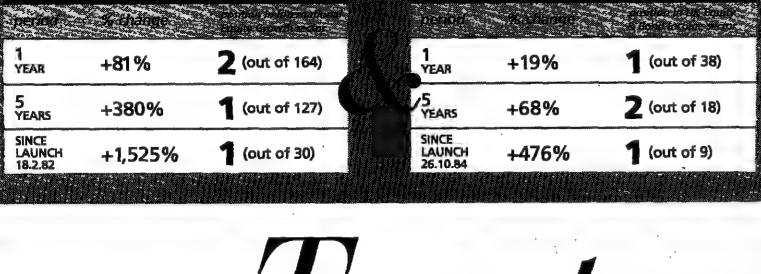
E ensioners Bonds. Mini-mam, £500, maximum, [50,000. The current Series 3 issue offers a 7 per cent return, paid gross before the deduction of tax. Interest is paid on the nineteenth day of each month. Only for the over-60s.

☐ Income Bonds. Minimum. £2,000, maximum. £250,000. Investments of between £2,000 and £25,000 will attract a gross interest rate of 6.25 per cent. Investments of between £25,000 and £250,000 pay interest of 6.5 per cent. The notice

period is three months.

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Sarah Jones on the advantages of bank and building society accounts

Firmer foundations for income growth

or two from the Pharaphs when it comes to investing a lump sum. They knew that by building their pyramids with a solid base that they could rise to the highest, most delicate apex. With portfolio building, your investment in equities, and at the peak riskier ventures like futures, should be supported by a wide foundation of cash, that is bank

and building society deposits. There are always unforeseens round the corner and unforeseens largely require cash," Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial adviser, says. "Everybody should have money on deposit. How much depends on their risk profile."

Postal accounts: At the very bottom of the pyramid, you need your cash to hand. Postal accounts offer a higher rate of interest than ordinary building society accounts, but give better access than many high interest accounts. With postal accounts, as elsewhere, the more you invest the better the rate of interest. In some cases, the minimum investment is extremely high. With the Direct 50 postal account from the Newcastle Building Society, it is £100,000. In return, you get 6.9 per cent gross per annum (5.52 per cent net for basic rate taxpayers). Interest can be paid monthly, but at a lower rate of 6.65 per cent (5.32 per cent net). Maximum investment £300,000 and withdrawals are subject to 50 days' notice. Other providers include Birmingham Midshires, Chehtenham & Gloucester, Norwich & Peterborough and Yorkshire.

Tessas: Further up the pyramid you may be prepared to tie up your cash, but still do not want to take any risk. Tax-

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exempt special savings accounts are a good option, simply because the returns are free of tax. Investment in firsttime Tessas must be staggered. The maximum in the first year is £3,000 and £1,800 in subsequent years up to the £9,000 limit. In contrast, if your first Tessa has matured, you can

Midshires has a variable-rate net) on balances over £25,000. first Tessa, currently 7.25 per Norwich & Peterborough's fivecent, for a minimum deposit of year Fixed Interest Bond pays El,000. Both come with a high 7.6 per cent gross (6.08 per cent transfer penalty of 180 days' net) on a minimum E5,000 loss of interest. For follow-on balance. One drawback: there Tessas, Royal Bank of Scotare harsh penalties with fixed land's fixed escalator account

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pays an annual average of 7.53 per cent.

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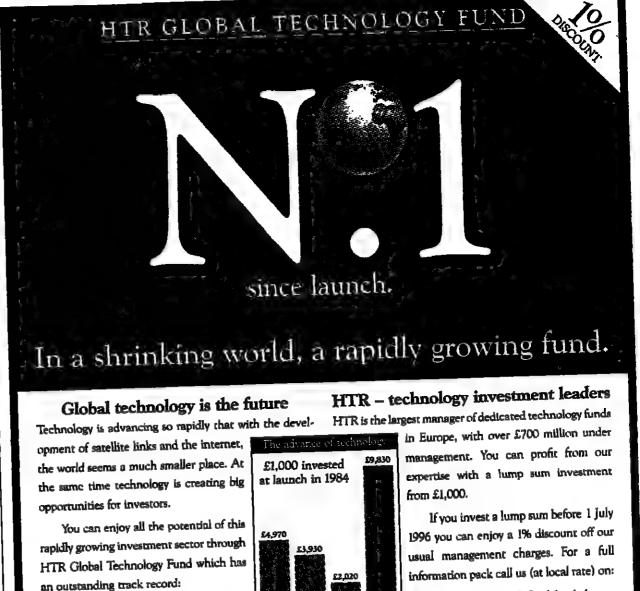
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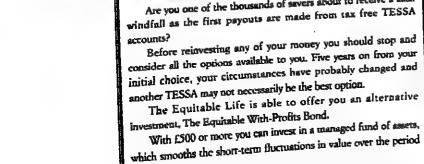
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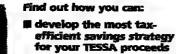
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Matthew Morris, chief executive of Rickman Tooze, a Cirencester independent financial adviser, says: "The role of gilts lies in producing an income for investors who are cautious. They are often suitable for non-taxpayers. because it is possible for them to take the income gilts pro-vide in full. If you buy a gilt direct and hold it until redemption, you know what you're going to get back.
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Don Smith, a gilts specialist at HSBC Markets, says: "We think the economy is going to develop in a very favourable way as far as the gilt market is concerned. We think that, by Paul Slade on securing a fixed rate

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the end of the year, inflation will be even weaker than it is now, that base rates will be even lower than they are now." Both factors are important because they improve the re-

turn gilts can offer compared with what is available elsewhere. Gerard Wherity, director of fixed-interest investment at Abbey Unit Trust Managers, says: "If interest rates rise between now and the gilt's redemption date, then you'll have been relatively badly off by buying gilts. If interest rates fall, you'll be relatively well off."

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Mr Morris says: "It doesn't take much of an increase in inflation for index-linked gilts to become a better investment than ordinary gilts. If you're using them as part of your overall portfolio, index-linked gilts are an excellent way of building in some protection against rising inflation."

THE rate of interest paid and the date on which capital is to be repaid are given as part of each gilts name. A holder with £100 worth of Treasury 8% per cent 1997 would receive interest of £8.75 a year and have his £100 returned in 1997. The amount of interest paid is known as the coupon, and is paid twice yearly. Other gilts can be redeemed at any time during a specified period, for example, Treasury 8 per cent 2002/06. Gilts currently on the market have redemption dates running

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the Bank of England, rather than buying a "second-hand" gilt on the open market, your £100 gives you £100 worth of stock. But even if you paid £125 for £100 of Treasury 84 per cent 1997, you would still get only £8.75 a year in interest (and still get back only £100 in 1997). Because of this, it is more useful to consider the gilts yield, which takes account not only of the interest rate promised, but also the price actually

paid. In the example above, the gilts running yield is 7 per cent (£8.75 expressed as a per cent of £125).

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By MICHAEL HENDERSON

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire drew with the Indians

THE Indians will not take away many happy memories from this match. The weather was cold, Graeme Hick savaged their bowling for 215 and Worcestershire were in no mood to make a game of it. If this is how county sides are going to treat the touring team's fixtures, perhaps the prize-money should be shared among the long-suffering spectators,

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with five first-innings

wickets in hand, are 509 runs

NINE years after leaving Sus-

sex to further his considerable

ambitions, Dermot Reeve yesterday orchestrated the sys-

tematic torture of his former

club, scoring an unbeaten 168

and taking two swift, if contro-

versial, wickets with the new

ball. This is an embarrassing-

ly uncompetitive game, but the Warwickshire captain, for

Amid all the talk of young

all-rounders thrusting their way into contention for En-

gland's one-day side. Reeve.

the incumbent has been

strangely forgotten. He does

not care for such neglect and,

on another raw, wintry day on

the coast, personally ensured that it cannot continue. At 33,

he remains an irrepressible

tily nominated a declaration

target of 700. A rare clatter of

wickets - four before lunch -

and two passing showers obliged him to settle for less.

but Warwickshire's 645 for

seven was still a record for

ames between these clubs.

Having batted for five hours,

Reeve then had a whim for a

bowl, too, and an hour into

their reply Sussex were ma-

Men against boys barely

does justice to the mismatch.

Sussex did not play without

spirit, Lenham and Law bat-

ting defiantly in the final

has been an eloquent expres-

sion of contrasting expecta-

tions. Warwickshire believe

they will win every game and

Much of that healthy arro-

He completed his century in

the first over yesterday. It was

only the seventh of a career in

which he has seldom batted in

the top half of the order and it

was the first time since 1949

that three men have made

gance emanates from Reeve.

session, but the cricket here

rooned at 26 for three.

Overnight, Reeve had jaun-

one, is enjoying it hugely.

behind Warwickshire

Reeve gives

all-round

reminder to

England

centuries in a Warwickshire innings. Reeve now went dili-

gently in search of more runs;

Warwickshire's massive confi-

dence is never betrayed by

frivolity when they are in

Penney, who had batted four hours for 134, was soon

gone, playing on as he went back to force Jarvis, and after

a careful introductory innings

well caught, low down at mid-

wicket, but a team with no

discernible tail now produced

the capable Piper at No 9 to

share a final, unbroken half-

century stand with his

in such an ill-balanced situ-

ation the most benign pitch

can seem transformed after

change of innings, and so it

was now. Pollock charged

down the slope, deceiving with

his pace as he did so often

against England in the winter.

He has a bouncer that is upon

batsmen before they know it

and both Athey and Law were

Reeve, whose threat comes

more from lack of pace, had

already removed Hall, caught

at slip off either glove or arm.

before Pollock and Speight

engaged in a brief but compelling duel. First, Pollock knocked out the middle stump

him twice for four before

movement off the pitch saw

BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with seven second-

innings wickets in hand, are

MIDDLESEX endured some

anxious times before working themselves into a position of

authority against Durham

yesterday. They unexpectedly

conceded a first-innings lead of IS and then quickly lost two

However, Paul Weekes and

Mike Gatting regained the

initiative during the evening session with a partnership of

101, the highest of the match to

Warren doubles his worth

wickets.

149 runs ahead of Durham

struck on the helmet.

an over. Neil Smith was

command.

captain.

manager, was unhappy about Tom Moody's decision not to respond to one declaration with another, at least not before Rhodes and Leatherdale had gained some practice in the middle. "We could have carried on batting on the first day," he said. "to give some of our players some practice, but we thought we would make a game of it. I thought they could have declared an hour after lunch on the second day."

Worcestershire's defence, not that it is one, was that their players needed the feel of bat on ball. Surely

class fixture, not a net. After Hick's departure on the second afternoon, the game merely drifted to an inevitable and far from satisfactory

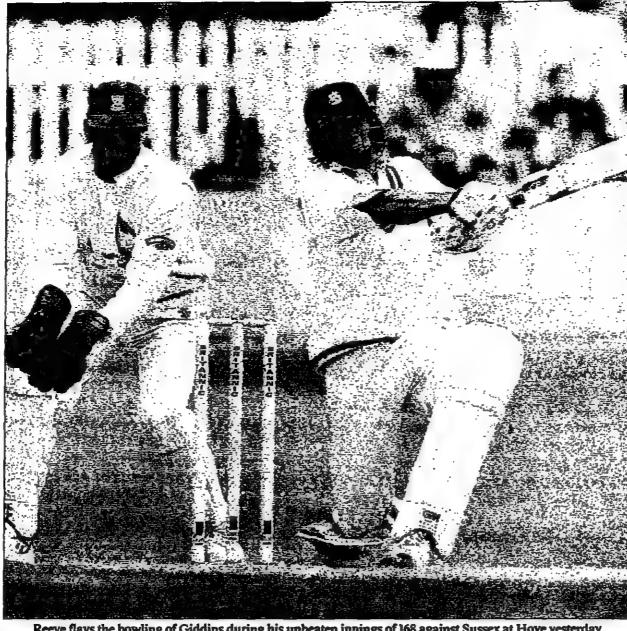
Patil has more pressing business. The Indians, so familiar with the oneday game, are struggling to readjust to first-class cricket and, for some of them, it is their first experience of English conditions. Srinath, the seam bowler who served Gloucestershire admirably last season, returns to the side today when the touring

The Indians certainly need him. Their new-ball attack was toothless here, not that the pitch offered any assistance to the bowlers, fast or slow. Only 13 wickets fell in two and a bit imnings. These are early days and there is plenty of cricket to be played before they leave, but the bowling depends more than they might like on Srinath and Kumble

Worcestershire ground on for a lead of 127 before Moody decided that his bowlers needed a go. By the time they parted the opening pair, Jadeja

Sandeep Patil, the Indians' cricket the best way to do that is to play a team starts a three-day game against and Rathore had made 146, steady as nanager, was unhappy about Tom proper game. This is, after all, a first-his old county in Bristol. second hundred in the match until Curtis caught him at long leg. To him, rather than Hick, went the man-

of-the-match award. Jadeja batted on to complete a century of his own shortly before Moody, bowling the gentlest of off spin, brought down the curtain on this forgettable game. Moody is an amiable man, and has served Worcestershire well, but, if the club committee does not ask him to account for this nonsense, it is failing in its duty.



Reeve flays the bowling of Giddins during his unbeaten innings of 168 against Sussex at Hove yesterday

Butcher maintains family business

BY PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (second day of with a fiercely quick yorker that was called no-ball; four): Surrey have a first-innings lead of 135 runs over Speight countered by driving

permanence, Gatting cut.

nicked and squirted his way to

his second half-century of the game. He resumes today on 54

and will be eyeing the century

that eluded him first time

Weekes ruthlessly dealt with any balls pinched on his legs during an impressive innings of 73 but was caught

behind off the persevering

Foster — who has been some-thing of a revelation here —

This pair may have exhibit-

ed some sort of form but their

colleagues remain worryingly

short of runs. Pooley was out

shortly before the close.

him caught at first slip MAKK BUTCHER COME NOT quite match his father, Alan, inevitably by Reeve - as he who had made a century for aimed to midwicket. Essex second XI the day before, but he was mature A theatrical leg-before appeal by Reeve won a decision against Wells, pushing a long enough to make sure that Surrey did not waste the way forward, and when Athey's characteristic vigil, opportunity of moving into a ition of strength.

worth six runs in 73 balls, was Of all the Surrey players in ended by Welch, Sussex looked in danger of followingcontention for England's international squad, Butcher is the least likely to get a call from Raymond Illingworth, on before the close. Lenham and Law, who looks a talent worth promoting, have kept indignity at bay but there is yet he succeeded where Stewart. Thorpe and Brown had all failed in rather more still a mountain to climb

demanding circumstances than his father had faced against Sussex in the Bain Hogg Trophy. Stewart and Thorpe had

already thrown away their wickets, as they do disturbing-IV offer for Surrey, when the resumed 137 runs behind with seven wickets in hand, and Brown, whose Benson and Hedges form has provoked a clamour for his inclusion in the England side, soon showed why there are still question marks against his ability to succeed at the high-

Gatting and Weekes give Middlesex degree of control

He should have been out before he had added to his overnight 18 but Fulton put him down at square leg off Thompson. He was lucky to survive in Thompson's next

over when he aimed an airy drive without getting a touch, and he had added only nine when he went back to McCague and was caught

It was no more than McCague deserved in a manding opening spell which allowed only three scoring strokes in seven overs, but he could not dislodge the admirable Butcher, who showed he has learnt his lessons well at the feet of his father, the former Surrey and Glamorgan captain, who is now 42 and the Essex

Hollioake, another England candidate, helped him put on 76 for the fifth wicket and he was within six runs of only his fourth first-class century when he drove over a ball of full length from Thompson and was bowled.

He had batted almost 45 hours, hit 112 fours and provided the perfect platform for Lewis to restate his England credentials. He did it in som style, hitting a six and six fours in his 61 off 92 balls before Hooper had him caught at slip.

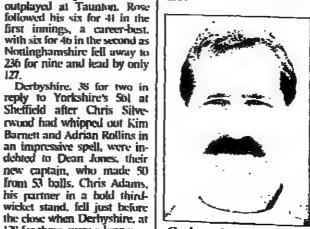
Julian, who has something heady 4-3-5-0 similar to prove to the Austra-Bonus points Lancastere 5 Leicestershire 2 lia selectors, followed suit Umplies: H D Bird and R A White with 74 off 100 balls, including two sixes and eight fours. and Surrey were 135 runs ahead by the time Thompson.

Middlesex v Durham LORD'S (second day of lour). Middlesex, with seven second-innings wickels in hand, are 149 runs ahead of Durham. maintaining his productive start to the season, wrapped up the innings with career-MIDDLESEC First innings 191 (M Gaiting 74, M J Fosier 4 for 21)

BOWLING Finser 23 25-47-3 Johnson 11-3-47-2 Fig 16-4-33-3, Foliat 14-2 65-2 Weeker 6-4 16-0 Tufnel 4-3 2 0 Bonus points, Mindlesex 4 Dummer 5

Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Fir d Immags R R Monigometre & White is b Dub; 5 A Fordham & Metron & Dub; 5 R J Buster & Thoma, b Dub H J BURRY C (100%), b D de M B Low, b Maher R J Warter not out D J Capet e Majeure b Majeur P M Corran four b Wajeur A L Perib Hits out i no 8a Eukar ib 4 Br S or 1 no 8a



Graham Gooch: the runs continue to flow

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

4-186, 5-423, 5-435 BOWLING Water 35-6-110-3; Thomas 27-3-118-0, Date 21-4-68-3; Croft 21-2-68-0; hendrick 16-6-55-0 Butcher 2-0-19-0.

GLAMORGAN; First Innings

P A Cohey, R D B Craft, G P Butcher, S D Thomas, 1C P Metson, S L Walkin and N at Fundinck to bet

BOWLEIG, Taylor 7-2-17-0; Curran 13-4-44-1: Capel 8-3-29-1; Emburey 4-1-9-0

Total (2 wids, 32 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-33, 2-48.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4

Umpres: G i Burgess and M J Kitchen.

Somerset v

Nottinghamshire

TAUNTON (second day of four): Nou-inglemships, with one second-mings inclusion hand, are 127 runs ahead of Sumersel.

R T Robinson Rw b Caddid.
A A Melcadie C Holloway b Rose
G F Archer b Strine
P Johnson Rive b Rose
M P Downen b Lee
C L Carris c Turner b Rose
C M Tolley c sub b Rose
W M Noon tow b Rose
D B Pannett not out

BOWLING Caddick 21-8-70-1; Shine 11-2-53-1, Rose 20-8-46-6, Lee 9-2-29-1; Betty 11-3-26-0

SOMERSET: First trungs

M N Lathwell run out
P D Bowler Ibw b Pennett
A N Hayhurst not out
R J Harden Ibw b Calms

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P C L Holloway c Metcath b Plemett
S Lee c Metcath b Afrond
J D Barly b Pennett
HJ Turner Bw b Pennett
HJ Turner Bw b Pennett
G D Rose c Downan b Calms
A R Caddack c Johnson b Afford
K J Shine c Archer b Afford
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 14)

BOWLING Caims 18.3-2-81-2 Permets 2-118-4; Prok. 11-2-41-0; Tolley 5-0-2 Downson 3-1-12-0; Afford 13-4-26-3.

Umpres B Leadbeater and R Palmer

Bonus points Someraet 7 Nottinghamshire

Surrey v Kent

KENT: First linnings 225 (M A Eathern 51)

SURREY: First trivings

J Blokhell c Cowchey b McCague
4 A Butcher b Thompson
A J Stewart c Hooper b Eathern
i P Thorpe b Eathern
D Brown r Marsh b McCague
J Holicake c Wren b Thompson
C Liswe c McCague b Hooper
P Julian c Patel b Thompson
G L Kenser Pak b Thompson

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-35, 3-47, 4-104, 5-180, 6-206, 7-295, 8-339, 9-360

BOWLING: McCegue 28-9-76-2; Thompson 24-1-2-72-5; Eathern 17-1-64-2; Wren 7-0-44-0; Parel 11-1-34-0; Flemmig 9-3-22-0; Hooper 13-4-27-1.

Sussex v Warwickshire

HCVE (second day of faur). Susses, with five first-farmos wickess in hand are 508 runs behind Warwickehire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Immigs.
N V Kingin; b Dirakes.
W G khan b Philips.
D P Cetter c Athey b Philips.
T L Pennsy b Jarvis.
D A Reeve not out.
S M Poloco c Hall b Law.
D R Brown c Athey b Law.
N M N Smith c Wells b Godding.

G Welch and A F Glies did not bet

FALL OF WICKETS; 1-68, 2-209, 3-297, 4-511, 5-553, 6-563, 7-697

BCM/LING, Griddins 29-9-113-1; Probes 28-4-143-1, Janvis 23-2-102-1; Probes 33-3-145-2; Lew 29-4-2-132-2

SUSSEX: First innings

V C Drakes, N C Philips, P W Jarvis and E 8 H Giddins to bet

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-17, 3-28, 4-62, 5-111

BOWLING: Policidk 13-5-32-1; Reeve 7-2-7-2 Smith 11-3-31-0 Welch 11-3-33-7, Giles 8-7-1-1, Brown 9-1-32-0.

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (second day of four). Deby stire, with seven fest-mungs unclass in hand, are 433 runs behind Yorkshire

FALL OF MOKETS 1-79 2-132 3-735 4-399 3-471 6-518 7-524 8-535 9-536

BD MENG Marcon 26-5-109-4: Con 37-7 149-3 Aidred 18 5-1-79-1, Vandrau 25-1 199-5 (Marc 10-1-53-2 Barret B-0-45-5)

DERBYSHIRE: From Immorga

C M Wels, the M Kniven, D G Cork, M J Vandrou, P Aldred and D E Malcohn to bal

FALL OF WICKETS 1-25 2-38 3-108 60 VUPIG Gough 10-1-35-1, Hartley 9-2-16-0 Silverspace 14-3-52-2 Stemp 1-0-1-0

Bonun coints, Yorkshire 5 Cerbyshire 3

Score at 100 overs 535-8

Total (3 wkts, 34 overs)

Bonus points, Sussex 1 Warwickshire 6

Umpires J W Holder and V A Holder

Total (5 wids, 59 overal)

Total (109.1 overs)

Bonus points Surrey 8 Kent 6

Limpines: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Total (70.3 overs)

Tetley's Challenge Series Worcestershire v Indians

WORCESTER (timal day of three) Worcestershire drew with the indians INDIANS. First Immgs 349 for 5 dec (V Rethore 165, M Ashanuddin 68, S R Tenduliar 52) Second Innings

S Ganguly not out Extras (b.4, lb 7, w 1, rb 10)

PALL OF WILPETS 1240, 2500 BOWLING Shener 61-21-0; Thomas 14-1-48-0, Leatherdale 12-3-53-0, Lampit 12-5-0-46-0, Weston 6-0-36-0, Moody 6-2-5-1

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings T S Curtis c Acharuddin b Mhambrey 19 W P C Westen tow b Ganguty 98 G A Hick c Rethers b Ventakesh Prasad 215 Prasad S.P. Lampit noi dut Entras (b.5. lb.5. nb.6)

Total (6 wids dec) T M Moody, R F Birgworth, P A Thomas and A Shenyar did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-345, 3-351, 4-424, 5-474, 6-476 80M.NG Venlakesh Prasad 29-5-93-2, Mrembrey 23-5-103-1, Kumble 32-4-123-2, Hissan: 21-3-116-0, Ganguly 7-2-13-1; Jadeja 5-1-18-0 Umpres: D J Constant and P Wiley

Hampshire v Essex SOUTHAMPTON (second day of lour) Essex, with eight first-brungs wickers a hand, are 330 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Imings
"J P Siephenson low b Williams".

J S Laney c Rollins b Iran:

R S M Morris c Rollins b Iran: A Smith c Law b Such G W White c Robinson b licit P R Whitelor c Huestern b Such A N Aymes low b Such .

W h M Benjamin c Rollins b Williams
S D Udal b Grayson ...
S M Mibum un out . . C A Connor not out Edras (b 6, lb 14, w 1, nb 26)

Score at 120 overs, 435-7 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-63, 3-99, 4-114, 5-194, 6-225, 7-403, 8-501, 9-501 BOWLING Not 37-8-111-1, Williams 28.2-3-106-2, Law 9-0-38-0, Iran 21-1-108-2 Such 35-10-108-3, Grayson 13-2-52-1

ESSEX: First innings G A Goodh not out
D D J Robinson b Mibum
N Hussan low b Connor

Total (2 wids, 59 overs) ... "P J Prichard, R C Irani, A P Greyson, †R J Rollins, M C Box, P M Such and N F Williams FALL OF WICKETS, 1-65, 2-106

Bonus points; Hampshire 4 Espex 4 Umplies: A A Jones and D R Shaphard

Lancashire v Leicestershire OLD TRAFFORD (second day of lout): Lelosstershire, with live first-Immgit wickets at hand, are 397 runs behand Lancashire

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LANCASHIPE: First Immige
JE PI Galkan st Neson b Pierson
M A Atherton flow b Brimson
J P Creelev c Noon b Nelfins
N J Speak c and b Maddy
G D Lloyd c Brimson b Millins
NJ Speak c and b Maddy
Madunson c Simmons b Maddy
JW h Hegg c Mullally b Pierson
10 Austin flow b Simmons
S Elworthy b Pierson
P J Martin not out
G Keedy c Habib b Pierson
Extras (b 2, lb 20, w 4, nb 4)

BOWLING Milns 249-62:2: Mullally 32-9 94-0, Simmons 17-2-48-1; Pierson 34-6-7 190-4, Wells 11-2-53-0, Brimson 31-4-95-1 Maddy 11-4-21-2.

USICESTERSHIRE: First immings
J Wolls c Hegg b Merbin
I Maddy st Hegg b Wathinson
F Smith not out
V Simmons by b Eworthy
J Whitable c Hegg b Wathinson
B K Pierson c Hegg b Wathinson
Habbo not out Total (5 wids, 39 overe)

TP A Noon, M T Britrison, D J Milins and AD Mullelly to bet.
FALL OF WICHETS 1-12, 2-22, 3-64, 4-96, BOWLING Martin 9-3-12-1, Austin 7-2-10-0; Walkinson 11-7-14-3, Executiv 8-0-55-1,

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P N Weekers c Scott b Foster
J C Pooley c Campbel b Brown
M R Rempralesh b Foster
"M W Gatting not out
Earlies to 1, to 2)

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BOWLING: Brown 20-5-43-1, Betts 10-2-42-0, Foster 17-1-73-2; Boiling 7-3-6-0

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-30, 3-30, 4-41, 5-88 G-109, 7-114 8-148, 9-177

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Warren Hegg: invaluable century for Lancashire

BY IVO TENNANT NORTHAMPTON (second as a batsman and as a day of four): Glamorgan, with wicketkeeper who is more eight first-innings wickets in than adequate," he said. He hand, are 350 runs behind added, with the certitude of Northamptonshire one who has himself reached his middle years: "Alec Stew-THERE is an natural tendenart is of a certain age." Warren's one other century cy for many a coach to promote his young players, as in first class cricket was also a

when, last week. Daryl Foster large one, 154 against Nottingwas declaring that Mark hamshire last year. Ripley is still regarded as Northamp-Ealham was ready to play for England. Now John Emburey tonshire's best wicketkeeper, is talking in terms already of but Warren has been left in no Russell Warren, who was doubt that he should concentrate on both aspects of the unbeaten with a double century yesterday, taking part in the Texaco Trophy matches at the end of this month.

Emburey being who he is

He had just reached his double century when Northamptonshire declared, on acwill find that his opinion will count of the weather, 50 runs be noted. "I can't see any short of what they would have liked. Forty overs were lost. reason why Russell should not fill a gap in the one-day team mostly from the post-lunch

session. Warren faced 307 balls and struck two sixes and 27 fours with great assurance. Capel, the other main runscorer yesterday, helped him to put on 239 off 60 overs before Watkin deservedly

gained two further wickets. When Glamorgan batted on a pitch starting to take some turn, the light was rarely better than opaque. Morris dropped when on 19 off Taylor was bowled by Capel attempting a drive. Then Dale played

Before the close, James, who combatted Emburey with no little skill, had reached a half century. All this was watched by Brian Bolus, one of two England observers, whose lot thus far is to experience conditions that cut to the quick.

stump from Brown and edg-ing a catch to Campbell's left at second slip. It was Camp-bell's third sharp catch of the match, much of which he has spent shivering with his hands in his pockets and no doubt dreaming of his native Barbados. Two heavy rain showers curtailed the day's play by 19 overs, but there is little danger of this game ending in a

Stalemak The ball from Foster that swung in and spreadeagled Ramprakash's stumps was a

to a poor shot, dabbing half-heartedly at a ball outside off tell a lie. The man who tripped so lightly around the country last summer making a moun-tain of centuries is now stooped by the memory of the molehill of runs he amassed for England in the winter.

scores of 7, 34, 6 and 9 do not

hunched, uncertain figure, no more eager to reach the middle than he would be to arrive at the gallows. "What is the point?" he must be saying to himself. "If I cannot score runs for England, why score them for anyone?" At the moment, Middlesex's needs are not

His body language says it all. He walks to the crease a

the pavilion was as slow, if not slower, than his journey there after completing a pair against West Indies on the same ground last year. He may be carrying a back injury but it did not appear to inhibit him while batting or fielding.

Ramprakash's walk back to

best figures of five for

Earlier, Durham's tail wagged vigorously as their last three wickets added 95 Scott had a hand in all of it. taking part in stands of 34, 29 and 32 and reaching 59, his highest score for two years. before falling to a fine catch by Pooley. Fraser, easily the best of the Middlesex howlers. finished with three for 47.

stalwart, completed a ten-

wicket match haul for the first

time as Nottinghamshire were

Gooch proves equal to test

By Geoffrey Wheeler

IT IS 40 years since Cyril Washbrook, an England selector, was talked into returning to the Test arena by his colleagues on the panel and made 98 in a famous victory over Australia at Headingley. What are the odds against Graham Gooch coming under the same pressure, now that Although Gooch, 42 has

under Raymond Illingworth? officially retired from international cricket, his powers show no signs of decline, as he emphasised again yesterday with his 121st first-class century, made for Essex against Hampshire at Southampton. He took just over three hours to reach his hundred,

which contained to fours and

a six, and was 121 not out at the

close, having led Essex to 209 for two in reply to Hamp-shire's 539. When he reached 96. Gooch became the twelfth-

highest scorer in cricket history by overtaking Colin. Cowdrey's total of 42,719. Gooch was the second century-maker of the day in this match, Adrian Aymes, the Hampshire wicketkeeper, having completed the second of his career as the last four wickers produced 158 runs.

Warren Hegg was another wicketkeeper in the runs. His 134. his fourth century, helped Lancashire to reach 495 against Leicestershire at Old Trafford. He then held three catches and made a stumping as Leicestershire struggled to 48 for five.

Graham Rose, the Somerset

reply to Yorkshire's 501 at Sheffield after Chris Silve-

rwood had whipped out Kim Barnett and Adrian Rollins in an impressive spell, were indebted to Dean Jones, their new captain, who made 50 from 53 balls, Chris Adams, his partner in a bold thirdwicket stand, fell just before the close when Derhyshire, at 128 for three, were a long way

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Harrington bows to numbers game

IN MADRID

BY HIS own estimation, Padraig Harrington played some pretty poor golf for more than half of his round in the Spanish Open here yesterday. The figures say otherwise, oushing him, blushing and faintly embarrassed, into a healthy lead going into the weekend.

This is only the ninth tour-nament of Harrington's PGA European Tour career, which makes him, in professional terms at least, still sopping wet behind the ears. When he has played a few more, he will learn to embrace the weathered maxim that "it's not how, it's how many" as a valued

friend. If Harrington, 24, was to be believed, his golf was a thing of no great beauty and little merit for the first II holes, and he was perfectly prepared to present evidence to support his contention. He went into the trees, he said, he went into the sand, and generally hacked his way around.

However, mediocre though he felt himself to be over that stretch, his case was significantly weakened by the fact that he was already four under par for the day at that point. There are veritable harfuls of his peers at Club de Campo this week who would have given their eye teeth to have played so poorly. He allowed that he per-

formed decently enough from the 12th onwards, and he added four more birdies to the four that he had collected when playing "like a dog" earlier on. The result was a 64 that left him on 134, ten under par, three strokes ahead of Peter O'Malley, Per Haugsrud, Marcus Wills and Gordon Brand Jr. It equalled

the lowest score of his career.

but, since the other one was produced in something called the Mullingar Scratch Cup, this one was probably rather more important.

His round was eventful. admittedly, but it included many more good shots than bad, and he even went tortuously close to winning a car worth more than £10,000 for a hole in one at the 163-yard

LEADERS AFTER TWO ROUNDS

Grieal Britain and Ireland unless stated 134: P Hamngton 70, 64 137: M Wils 67, 70, P Haugsrug (Nor) 68, 69, G Brand Jr 70, 67: P O'Malley (Aus) 67 70, 138: E Darcy 68, 70; P Linhart (Sp) 70, 68, 139: S Grappassonni (ti) 71, 68; M Litton 71, 58, 1 Coceres (Arg) 69, 70, P Muntz (Holf) 68, 71, M Gronberg (Swee 69, 70; B May (US) 71, 68 140: L Westwood 68, 72; D Carter 10, 72

Jinenez (Sp.) 73, 67; J Sandelin (Swe) 70, 70, 141; J M Lare (Sp) 72, 69; S Garcia (Sp) 68, 73; R Claydon 71, 70; S Cage 69 72, G Orr 69, 72; I Garrido (Sp) 71, 70; D Hospital (Sp) 72, 69; A Sharborne 69, 72. M.A.Martin (So) 71, 70; M.Anglert (Swe) 70, 71; P.Golding 69, 72; S.Ames (Trin) 71, 70; A. Cabrera (Arg) 69, 72; G. Relph 71, 70; E. Romero (Arg) 70, 71, S. Torrance 70, 71, G. Clark 69, 72.

stopping no more than nine inches from the cup. Somebody asked him if he knew that there was a car on offer at the hole, "Sort of," he replied. There was a car behind the tee-box and I kind of put two and two together." Touché, Master Harrington.

His salvation was a succession of par-saving and birdiegaining putts; there were a mere 25 of them. "It's an incredibly low figure and I would have to say that it is unlikely to be repeated," he said with relentless modesty. If it is, he will win by a margin as wide as the Gran Via that cuts its majestic path through the centre of this most vibrant

more humble, but, in its own way, potentially just as significant a performance further down the field. Severiano Ballesteros had a 70 to make the cut by two shots and had an air of quiet satisfaction afterwards.

"My whole game is getting better," he said. "I drove well on Thursday and again today - I missed the fairway only twice, and then just barely. As long as I keep playing in tournaments, the confidence, concentration and rhythm that I am lacking will come back." It was said with a smile and, this year, there have been about as many of them from him as there are lakes in the

IN BRIEF

Britain

play off

for third

place

TWO goals by Phillip McGuire earned Great Brit-

ain a 2-0 victory over Holland

yesterday and a play-off for

third place in the Sultan Azlan

Shah hockey tournament in

Ipoh, Malaysia tomorrow (Sydney Friskin writes). Australia and South Korea will

Britain can thank Simon Mason, the goalkeeper, for his fortitude when they came

under fire from the young

Dutch side in the first five

minutes. He saved two scorch-

ing shots from short corners

McGuire scored his first

when Mayer won a short

corner after a mistake by

Stradmeijer; the pair com-

bined again for the second

after Britain had had the

Tennis: Roberto Carretero,

20, a qualifier from Spain, recorded a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Gilbert Schaller to gain a

place in the semi-finals of the

German Open yesterday and promptly declared: "It will help me with points, money

Until now, the clay-court

specialist's greatest success has been to win the junior title

at the French Open in 1993.

His efforts this week should

improve his ranking from 143

to allow him into the main

draw of the major events. The

Golf: The Weetabix Women's British Open championship

took another step towards major status with the an-

nouncement yesterday that Woburn, the venue since 1990,

has been joined on the rota by three of the world's great golf courses. The championship will be held at Sunningdale

next year, at Royal Lytham

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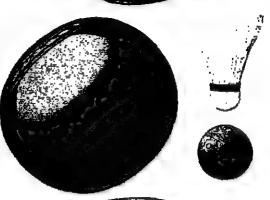
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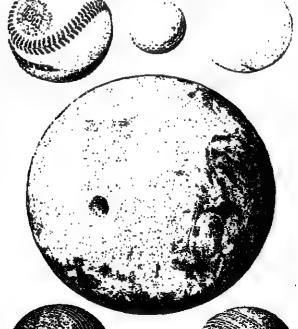
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Mac seals title with clear win on Gringo

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

EMMA-JANE MAC, retained her women's national showjumping title yesterday when she and Gringo won the Royal Windsor Ladies jumping championship with the only double clear round. It is Mac's third success in the event — each with a different horse.

Lisa Murphy came closest to dislodging, Mac but had to settle for second place on The Waysider, Joe Turi's former horse, after collecting 12 time faults over the two rounds. Di Lampard, a contender for the Olympic showjumping team, looked unassailable in the first round with a faultless performance on Abbervail Dream. but four faults in the second round - when she turned in too sharply to the combination -- dropped her to third place.

Mac, whose 1995 winner, Diamond, was retired last year through injury, now relies on Gringo, aged 17, to keep her at the forefront of the sport. Bought from Belgium as a five-year-old on the advice of Ted Edgar, he has proved a complete all-rounder.

He won the Eindhoven Derby two years ago, has been in the winning Nations Cup team in Toronto and jumped 6ft 10in in the puissance in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg. Although strong, it was his bold jump that gave Mac the confidence to compete in grands prix. "He's been an unbelievable horse — he's done everything I've wanted him to do," Mac said.

Earlier Geoff Billington, also a leading contender for the Olympic showjumping team, won the Accumulator competition on Mancuso by a

comfortable two-second margin.

Billington, who will jump in the British Nations Cup team at Hickstead later this month on It's Otto, has had a run of successes on the ten-year-old Mancuso, including second place in the 's-Hertogenbosch Puissance in March, when he jumped 7ft lin.

Yesterday Mancuso underlined his scope with a faultless performance on the improved going, which included a bold flyer" at the last big oxer. Guy Williams, who was nearly jumped off over the last fence, held on grimly to take second place on Harlem. Nick Skelton, still feeling his way with Quick Star, his new stallion, was third.

The Duke of Edinburgh, in his last year of competition, is handily placed in third position in the Harrods driving grand prix for teams of ponies after the dressage phase. Driving a team of black Fell ponies. owned by the Queen, he achieved a score of 59.7. Georgina Frith, the European champion, is in the lead with her team of Welsh ponies.

George Bowman, seeking an eleventh win in the horse teams, has a ten-point lead after the dressage of that

Mencuso (G Bitington) 43.01sec. 2. Harlem (G Williams) 45.54; 3. Ouck Star (N Skakon) 46.57. Harrods driving grand prix; (after dressage): Horse Teams; 1, G Bowmen 41.0cts, 2, P Thomas 51, 0, 3, Margave 51, 7. Porry Teams; 1, G Frith 42.7; 2, P Gammali 80, 3, HRH Prince Philip 59, 7. Hermas dressage grand pric; 1, Erfant (V Thompson) 56.57; 2, Master Mouse (J. Jackson) 65.53, 3, Didu Loo (k. Mepham) 83.83.



Mac, seen riding Eternity in the Accumulator event at the Windsor Horse Show, went on to take the Ladies jumping championship for the third time, on Gringo

McRae is ahead on first day

COLIN McRAE established a narrow lead after the first day of the Indonesia Rally yester day. McRae, the world champion, from Scotland, drove cautiously on roads often made slippery by heavy rain to place his Subaru just 5sec ahead of Tommi Makinen's Mitsuhishi.

"You just change speed so much." McRae said afterwards. "You've got to go flat out on the good bits, but, when it's wet, you've got to slow

Makinen, from Finland, lived dangerously, spinning twice and putting a huge dent in one side of the car when he hit a bridge. Nevertheless, he shrugged off his adventures. "No problem at all," he said. "It may look a bit secondhand, but it's OK."

Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, the four-time world champion, was third in his Toyota, despite constant tyre trouble, ahead of Carlos Sainz, of Spain, the Ford driver. The three-day event ends in Medan tomorrow.

Nicholas leaves rivals stuck in mud

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN WILMINGTON DELAWARE

WHEN a major golf champ-ionship is reduced to 54 holes before a ball has been struck, it is essential not to get stuck in the mud early on. Yesterday, in the first round of the rainhit McDonald's LPGA championship at the DuPont Country Club, Alison Nicholas, from Great Britain, made

the required sprinter's start with a 68, three under par. It left the Englishwoman out in front, one shot ahead of Mayumi Hirase, of Japan. Gail Graham, of Canada, and Meg Mallon of the United States. Laura Davies, one of the big-hitters that the course and the conditions should favour, was on 72 aithough she did produce some prodigious hitting, driving the 2nd green - admittedly with the help of a bounce off a cart path a distance of 340 yards.

Nicholas is not the tallest of beings - five foot nothing even on firm, sun-baked fairways - but she gives the ball a good thump and came as near to floating as was possible on the sodden DuPont acres, with four birdies in the first six

She dropped a shot at the 1st

after missing the fairway off the tee, but followed that aberration with three successive birdie threes and the confidence started oozing as the putts started to drop. At the 2nd, she hit an eight-iron to six feet; at the 3rd, she hit a five-iron to 15 feet; at the 4th, it was a five-iron to 12 feet and at

the 6th, another par four, she hit a six-iron to 12 feet. Nicholas was judging her distances superbly and it was almost a surprise when she three-putted the par three 8th. However, she recovered at the 10th, where a six-iron to three feet moved her back to three

The 11th, normally 528 yards of par five, was one of the longest slogs of all, even though the tee was moved forward 70 yards. Nicholas's second shot hit the fairway and buried itself completely in the mud.

She needed a seven-iron for her third while Davies flew the green with her second shot with a three-wood and took six from a dreadful lie. Nicholas rolled in yet another birdie putt, from ten feet. She dropped a shot at the 17th after a poor tee-shot but holed from ten feet for her par at the last, the perfect end to a near perfect round.

Hingis offers glimpse into the future

MARTINA HINGIS has long looked the heir apparant to Steffi Graf and Monica Seles as the world's top women's tennis player, but few expected her to begin to challenge them just yet. She is, after all, just 15 years old. Yesterday, however, Hingis gave everybody - Graf, in particular - a taste of things to come. On the red clay of the Foro Italico in

Rome, the home of the Italian Open. Hingis, from Switzerland, beat the German joint-world No 1 for the first time, handing Graf her first defeat on day for nearly two years. Hingis's 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 quarter-final win was as unexpected as it was ultimately convincing.

"I just beat the world's No I, I can't

describe the feeling," Hingis, the world No 20, said, barely containing her euphoria. "I was lucky I played a great game

Graf, the winner of three of the four

grand slam tournaments last year and previously unbeaten in tournaments in 1996, was clearly concerned. "I thought l'd catch up, but I didn't," she said. "I never found the patience or the rhythm to go for the shots. Instead of making more and more points. I made more and more errors. Obviously, my concentration was lacking. On some points, I was on; on some points, I was off. Right now, I have no idea what was going on out there."

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ROME: Italian women's open tournament: Third round: S Grid (3er) bit P Suzaez (Arg) 6-2, 6-4; M Hingle (switz) bit S Cocchini (it) 6-2, 8-3; N Tauglet (Fr) bit B Schert (Austria) 6-3, 0-6, 6-0; I Magol (Cro) bit F Perletti (it) 6-2, 8-4, M Maleeve (But) bit J Wesner (Austria) 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; A Sánchez Vicano Sp) bit B Fulco-Villeta (Arg) 7-8, 8-2
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Rich pickings Triathion: Spencer Smith and his successor as world champion, Simon Lessing, both from Britain, are to make a rare competitive appearance against each other when they take part in the International Triathlon Grand Prix in Longlest on August 11. The new ten-round series is the richest in the sport's short history with \$1 million in prize-money. Welch's chance Boxing: Scott Welch, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, will take on Zeljko Mavrovic, an English-trained Croatian who is based in Germany, for the European title this summer.

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Heron Island to win trial verdict

FOUR down, three to go: such is the state of progress in the Derby trials. The next instalment unfolds at Lingfield today, when six colts contest the Tripleprint Derby Trial Stakes over a few strides short of the Blue Riband distance.

As yet, there has been little definition to the overall picture. Bookmakers cannot agree on an outright favourite. Jockeys accustomed to jousting for the best rides do not know which way to turn. Trainers are keeping their

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MUTAMANNI (4.45 Lingfield Park) Next best: Lady Carla (4.15 Lingfield Park)

options open and punters have become exasperated as one trial after another leaves the imagination cold.

If that sounds pitiful, spare a thought for the Epsom executive and its entry mechanism for the premier classic. None among the 620 yearlings nominated to the Derby has triumphed in the trials to date. Only Mark Of Esteem, the 2,000 Guineas winner, is eligi-ble — and that by dint of the £8.000 paid by Sheikh Mohammed at last month's sup-

plementary stag As events at Lingfield reach their climax, only those re-sponsible for framing the Derby entry will be on the edge of their seats. The rest of us recognise the intrinsic weakness of this contest, yet it threatens the real possibility that Dovaly, trained by Henry Cecil, will join Santillana. High Baroque and Prize Giv-



Heron Island, right, can strengthen Chapple-Hyam's hand by landing the Tripleprint Derby Trial at Lingfield

ing as recognised trial winners without a Derby entry.

This is the fourth successive year that Derby candidates have slipped through the net. It demonstrates that within a theoretically sound mechanism rests a fundamental flaw. In the long term, Epsom ignores this at its peril, but the immediate situation can be rescued by one of the Derby's oldest surviving friends. Robert Sangster's Heron Island. who holds the Derby entry. can break the sequence by

taking Dovaly's measure. Trained by Peter ChappleHyam, Heron Island has vet to show his true mettle. As a juvenile he displayed encouraging speed for one bred to excel over 12 furlongs. He tackles that trip for the first time here, and a decent pace

should see him in his element. Dovaly looked a rugged colt when landing his debut at Newmarket last month. He showed commendable zest to fend off Sacho and Generosus. although the former was reported under the weather on his return home. Generosus has since won in weaker company at Newcastle but

3.15 TJH GROUP CHARTWELL STAKES

Ambassador, who finished fourth, was comprehensively beaten in maiden company at Chester on Tuesday. The inference is that Dovaly has plenty

The key Derby trial will undoubtedly be the Homeowners Dante Stakes at York on Wednesday. Ladbrokes has acknowledged the fact by trading in advance of Wednesday's event and Nash House, a stablemate of Heron Island. has been installed favourite at 15-8. The firm then bets: 3-1 Dushyantor, 9-2 Glory Of Dancer, Storm Trooper. 6-1

Shaamit, 8-1 Astor Place, 14and upwards others.

Fillies with classic ambitions are also in action at Lingfield in the Champagne Ruinart Oaks Trial Stakes The outcome, as with the colts' version, appears to rest between the Chapple-Hyam and Cecil stables in the shape of Meribei and Lady Carla respectively. Were she to prevail. the blue-blooded Meribel would be worth a king's ransom. But Lady Carla, herself from enticing lineage, should prove superior at level

Danehill Dancer attempts to redeem reputation

By Our French Racing Correspondent

DANEHILL DANCER and Cayman Kai head a strong British challenge for the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the French 2,000 Guineas, over a mile at Longchamp tomorrow.

The Neville Callaghan-trained Danehill Dancer was nine lengths sixth to Mark Of Esteem in the Pertemps 2,000 Guineas. racing on the unfavoured ground in the centre of the track, but had previously beaten Kahir Almaydan and Tagula by 1'2 lengths and 1'4 lengths in the Greenham Stakes. The three reoppose on the same terms.

Cayman Kai, trained by Richard Hannon, looked a sprinter last year, when witt-

GOING: SOFT

ning the Flying Childers Stakes but showed that he stays further with a smooth success in the European Free Handicap over seven furlongs at Newmarket's Craven meeting.

He has been supplemented for this race, for £13.175, as has the Mark Johnstontrained Gothenberg, three lengths away in fourth in the Free Handicap but since an easy winner of the Tetrarch Stakes at the Curragh. The other British raider is Godolphin's Don Micheletto. unraced since landing a Leicester maiden last

The home team is led by Ashkalani, trained by Alain de Royer-Dupre. He beat

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4.05 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS

(Group I: 3-Y-O: £131,752: 1m) (10 runners)

Eternity Range and Spinning World by 112 lengths and 2½ lengths to the group three Prix de Fontainebleau over course and distance three weeks ago.

The field is completed by the Andre Fabre runner, Barricade, who won a listed race over this trip at Saint-Cloud on April 6.

Ta Rib and Shawami represent Britain in the Du-Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, the French 1.000 Guineas. Shawanni im-pressed when winning a Yarmouth maiden last season, but boiled over in the preliminaries before finishing fifth to Bosra Sham in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot. She is joined by Ta Rib, Ed Dunlop's first classic runner, Newmarket last Friday.

The likely favourite is Elie Lellouche's Shake The Yoke, runner-up in last year's Prix Marcel Boussac. A daughter of Caerleon, she gained a stunning ten-length victory over Raisonnable in the group three Prix de la Grotte over this course and distance

three weeks ago. Criquette Head holds a strong hand with the unbeaten True Flare and A Votre Sante, who has not run since landing a listed race by six lengths in March.

Fabre is represented by able winner of a listed race here five weeks ago but dropping back in trip.

the E52,700 Prix Lupin (1m 2f 110yd), looks at the mercy of another Lellouche classic hope, Helissio, who broke the course record when landing the group two Prix Noaliles here last month.

LINGFIELD PARK

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 MUTAMANNI. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Isla Del Rey. 4.15 LADY CARLA (nap). 4.45 Mutamanni

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 UNITED HOUSE HANDICAP (£4,045: 6f) (14 runners)

(9) 0000-04 HOW'S YER FATHER 12 (D.F.C.5) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 10-10-0 B Doyle (7) 60-1301 SO SMITREPID 14 D.F.C.5) (E Hayward J Bindley 5-9-12. L Dedon (8) 004-100 SHARP N SARRT 37 (D.D.F.G.) & Bustley B Smith 4-9-8 . T Owing (1) 0004-00 ASHTINA 2 (CD.F.S.5) (Ms S Joyne) B Pagros 11-9-9 . M Hills | 105 | (1) | 0004-00 | ASHTINA 2 (CDLF.S.5) (Ms S. Joyne) 8 Pearse 11-9-8 | M Hills | 105 | (12) | 005-403 | 0ENBRAE 9 (D.S.) (M Melianth) 0 Marray Smith 48-8 | J Reid | 106 | (11) | 00-5001 | ASNA 29 (CD.F.G.) (Bases R O Sulvest 7-9-7 | W Woods | 107 | (8) | 886-683 | BALARGE OF POWER 2006 (D.F.) (I Falvey) R Andrums 4-9-4 | T Azhiny (7) | 108 | (5) | 14-1140 | BANZESE 23 (C.G.) (B Pornich) E L Monte 3-9-4 | S Whetworth | 109 | (2) | 0-60005 | SANSOLOM 12 (CD.F.G.) (I Kenthond) P Howing 8-9-4 | Pat Eddary | 110 | (14) | 01-6006 | PRIMA SUK 11 (D.F.G.) (Three Ply Racrog) M Ryas 5-9-2 | T hoss | 111 | (13) | 2500-20 | MOULEEB 12 (V.CD.S.) (Three Ply Racrog) M Ryas 5-9-2 | A Clurk | 112 | (13) | 2461-00 | SZZLING 9 (B.D.B.F.F.) (Ms.F.) Abstell R Hagron 4-9-0 | Quan O'Neel (3) | 113 | (4) | 102224 | SHARP BSP 70 (B.CD.F.G.) (Nr.S.G. Tammerman) R Flower 6-8-4 | D Biggs | 114 | (3) | 53300 | GRey Leston 28 (J Recch R Recert 38-3) | Decisio O'Sheal | 115 | (3) | 115 | (3) | 115 | (3) | 115 | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | BETTING: 9-2 So Intrepad. 11-2 Balance Of Power 13-2 Samealorn, 7-1 Damaran. 8-1 Suzziong 9-1 Agent, Hope You Futher, 10-1 Steep 7N Smart, Sharp Imp. 12-1 Moujeab 14-1 otbars.

1995; PACCY'S RICE 4-8-1 D Hamson (5-1) L Holl 13 tan FORM FOCUS

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SCZLING (30s better off) about 81 11th AGMA beat Baileys Sunset 21 in 10-nutrins claimer at Brighton (61, firm) SAMSOLOM about 61 5th of 15 to Barrel 01 Hope to hanckcap at Ponterland (61 good to firm) MOUJEER 41 2nd of 7 to Friendig Barrel in conditions race at Followsions (54, good to firm) an exhibitors race at Followsions (54, good to firm) an exhibitors state.

2.45 ocs ladies handicap (£3,261, 7f) (16 runners)

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3.45 TRIPLEPRINT DERBY TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £30,820; 1m 3f 106yd) (6 runners)

5426-15 ACHARRE 13 (S) (Parel Racra) C Britain 6-7 1332- DISASSED 215 (G) (Fabd Salman) P Cole 6-7 1 DOVALY 25 (F) (K Abdula) H Cocl 6-7 14-51 HERON SILAND 9 (F.5) (R Sarguar) P Chaptie-Hyam 6-7 8311-3 MYSTIC (WIGHT 21 (F.5) (Lady Oppenheimen) R Charlon 8 405 (5) 56540-6 ZAPORIJA 25 (The Fourn) L Montague Had 8-7 Dans CTHAR BETTING: 7-4 Heron Island 8-4 Dovah, 7-2 Mystic Ringht, 6-1 Dismissed 14-1 Acheme, 25-1 Zalorum. 1995: MCRIWAR 6-7 W Carson (5-6 tex) P Wateryn 7 mm

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4.15 CHAMPAGNE RUINART OAKS TRIAL STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-0 fillies: £12,732: 1m 3f 106yd) (5 runners) 43-4 FLAME VALLEY 15 (Chareky Park Stud) M Stoute 8-8 .
1- LADY CARLA 200 (F) (Walls Stud) H Gest 8-6 . . .

L Detton Pat Eddery J Read M Hills 3- MERBE, 224 (R Sanyster) P Chapple-Hyan 8-8 210-4 MODDY'S CAT 27 (G) (R Al-Sar) B Hits 8-8 . . . 00 PROMISSORY & IR Viola C Retain R-6 SUCTION G. 6-4 Lady Carle. 11-4 Flame Valley 3-1 Moody's Cal. 5-1 Membel. 25-1 Promissory 1995. ASTERITA 8-8 Per Edday (6-1) R Harmon 5 ton FORM FOCUS

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4.45 HSBC JAMES CAPEL HANDICAP (£5,972: 7f) (11 runners)

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5.15 A A APPOINTMENTS MAIDEN STAKES (£3.980 1m 2f) (12 runners)

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Northern Bluff to give Jukes first call

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

A GAME of chess is developing in the national men's championship. Jamie Jukes leads the field by two, having landed a treble last Monday. which took his season's total to 27. Across the table is Alastair Crow, the reigning champion and probably the only man who can prevent Jukes taking the title to Wales.

Both ride for powerful stables and each has some key pieces to play this weekend; the question is, will Crow launch an offensive into his opponent's territory?

Jukes has planned his first move. He takes the short journey to the Llandeilo Farmers' meeting where the Bert Lavis-trained Northern Bluff gives him a winning chance in the confined. Fox Pointer, Jukes's mount in the men's open, will like the firm ground and may also add to his tally.

Crow's dilemma is whether to take horses to the same meeting in order to try to beat his opponent. Alternatively, he can avoid such competition by riding at the Golden Valley fixture where Pin Up Boy and Auction Law would be his possible winners.

Either way, Crow's queen, the excellent mare. Scally Muire, looks invincible at tomorrow's Quorn fixture, that is assuming the yard does not decide to take the talented Korbell to the Cotswold Vale Farmers.
The Crow family were con-

sidering all the options yesterday but one issue is clear -Handsome Harvey, last year's most successful horse, does return to action at today's Welsh fixture. Candy Thomas rides, replacing Pip Jones who broke her collarbone on Monday. The Yorkshire area season

ends today with the Bilsdale fixture at which the local champions. Stephen Swiers and Fiona Needham, will be in action. Swiers has a fine chance of taking the confined race on Grey Realm while Needham has several winning chances. Watering has been taking

place for the Quorn meeting. which will enable Desert Orchid to spring off the turf on his guest appearance, while the Minehead Harriers & West Somerset fixture will be the last held at Holnicote.

TODAY'S MEETINGS. Blodalo. Enting and Talm 19W of Your (ALT rach 200) Cumborland. Appellin Sm 18W of Appellin 2000 Golden Valley. Broda and rach 7 mile of Hay on Alye (200) Llandelo Formers, Entire 10m If of Committees (200) Minchesol Hames & W Somerson, Herectic Sin Wild Minchesol (200) Valo Of Aylecbury, Auryten Bount Bin NW of High Wycombo (200) TOMORROW. Cotavoid Vale Farmers, Mariemare Pari. 3rd Nife of Glouderare (4.00). Haydon, Herburn, mode Net hash (2.00). Quom, Garboro em E of Mellon Movies, (2.15). South Device, Belliage, Court, in Citim, St. Mary (2.00).

BATH

(GITOUP (; 3-7-U: 2.131, 732: 177) (TO TUTINES)

1 (1) 1335-1 BARRICADE 37 (F.G) (K Abdulin) A Fabra 9-2.
2 (5) 11-1 ASPRAÇANI 21 (F.G) (Aga Khari) A fa Boyer-Ougre 9-2.
3 (16) 23113-2 KAMIR ALMAYDAN 22 (F.G.S) (A M Shaker) Duming (FBB) 9-2.
4 (8) 13-2 ETERNATY RANCE 21 (6), (More Foundin) P Barry 9-2.
5 (4) 040-041 GOTHENBERG 15 (F.G) (Brain Yeardey Combustial) M Johnston (GB) 9-2.
6 (7) 01- DON MICHELETTO 215 (G) (Gotolopin) S bits Surger (SB) 9-2.
7 (5) 11-3 SPURGING WORTLD 21 (FS) (Na citos bardly) J Peace 9-2.
8 (8) 1112-18 DANCHILL DANCER B (F.G.S) (M Tabor) N Caleghan (GB) 9-2.
8 (9) 1112-18 DANCHILL DANCER B (F.G.S) (M Tabor) N Caleghan (GB) 9-2.
8 (9) 24212-1 CAYMAN KAI 25 (F.S) (1 Word) R Hamson (GB) 9-2.
8 (10) 24212-1 CAYMAN KAI 25 (F.S) (1 Word) R Hamson (GB) 9-2.

2.10 Roses in The Snow. 2.40 Enchantica. 3.10 The Lad. 3,40 To The Roof. 4.10 Commoner. 4.40 Glide

going: good to firm DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 CHAPEL FARM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,599. 1m 5yd) (10 runners)

2.40 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,032: 5l 11yd) (9)

5-2 Roses in The Snow, 3-1 Silver Showers, 9-2 Miss Previol, 7-1 Volete, 8-1 Lady Busines, Perfect Gril, 12-1 Indust Nacion, 14-1 others

7-4 Enchantica, 4-1 Prestitul, 9-2 Windows, 5-1 Cared Cymru, 10-7 Petite Demakse, 12-1 Rosentander, 14-1 others

3.10 MRS HELEN HARRIS 50TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (£3,110: 2m 11 34yd) (14)

2 (7) 0-40 BRANDON PRINCE 12 (B.F.G.B.) Balding 8-0-6
3 (13) -126 STEVIC'S WONDER 14 (B.B.) B Leveline 6-0-8 V Stately
4 (10) /90 CALL INY GIEST 15 (S) R Pezcot 6-9-4 M McGlorine 83
5 (3) 4032 COURSARD, 18 (F.S.) S Don 4-0-5 B Thornson 90
6 (4) 2033 DUPHAM 6 (B) R Simpson 5-8-12. S Donne (3) 88
7 (1) -400 GENTLEMAN 50 15 (F) P Nurph 6-3-11 M Adams 83
6 (2) 2290 COLENDER 162 (B.F.G.S.) J Stevan 6-9-8 R Cochrant 99
13 4191 THE LID 18 (F.G.) L Montague Holl 7-9-7 Martin Devjer (7) 90
10 (9) 90-0 FABLICUS MOTTO BJ (6) M Sandors 6-3 J F Egan 88
11 (14) 90 R AGIB 163 P Rischers 5-8-5 J Carnel 11 (14) 90 R AGIB 163 P Rischers 5-8-5 J Carnel 12 (11) 0-00 SHARRANI 11 B Mechan 4-9-4 M Tebbod 10
13 (2) 2603 MCTRAN 18 (B.G.S.) R O'Solinos 6-7-13 S Sandors 90
14 112) 50-0 ROMALITO 7J (F) M Blanshard 6-7-12 C Adamson (5) 93
4-1 The Lad, 5-1 Latend, 6-1 Courband, 8-1 Brandon Prince Colendon Thebren 4-1 The Lad, 5-1 Laterdi, 8-1 Courband, 8-1 Brandon Prince, Coloredge Durham 18-1 Biberas 12-1 others.

3.40 ROMAN CITY HANDICAP

(£5,475: 5/ 11yd) (12) (1) 0022 SR JOEY 7 (D.F.S) P Marphy 7-9-12 S Drowne (3) 96 11) 5122 TO THE ROOF 14 (D.G) P Henris 4 9-9 G Hend (4) 610- LAW COMMASSION 239 (7) 6 Psworth 6-9-9 A Procter (11) 0410 MISTER JOLSON 7 (CD,SF,F,G,S) 8 Hodges 7-9-6 C Admitted (5) 0-00 TRACER DEMASTON 15 (C.O.F.S) M Support 5 9-0 10 (53) 2-02 JUCEA 11 (CDF,0) J Speaming 7-9-7 Sanders 98
11 (9) 0046 LA BELLE DOMENTUE 11 S bright 4-7-12 F Norton 89
12 (2) 00-0 LOUISMULE BELLE 14 (6) M USEN 7-7-10 N Adams 88
7-2 To The Roof 4-7 Angelman 6 I Ser Joey Jucea 8-1 Mister Johan, Ann's Poul 10-3 Law Commission 12-1 others

4.10 SOMERSET CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,941. 1m 3f 144yd) (4)

(4) 6-55 COMMONER 8 (F.S) R Hannon 4 (F.2) | 1 Carnall (S) (2) 21-5 (HGH SHO)7 14 (G.S) 6 (Lews, 6-9-8) | 8 Thomson 7 (G.3) 4 CHARTER 19 D Cappel 5-8-10 | 8 Thomson 7 (G.3) 4 COMMONER 8 (F.S) | 11 400- ROYAL SCHRITAR 174 (G.) P Cole 4-8-10 | R Cochrane 86 9-13 Commones 5 2 Hovel Scinidar R-1 High Shot, 14-1 Charles

4.40 RADSTOCK HANDICAP (£5,280 1m 21 46yd) (9)

5.280 1m 2f 46y(0) (9)

Ist 00-0 GLDE PATH 33 (D.F.G) J Mets 7-10-0 B Thomson 90

Ist 1-0 BASY LISTENING 33 (CD.F.R Charlton 4-9-8 S Sanders 90

Ist 3060 STATALACK 8 (80.F.G.S) D Francark 8 9 7 A Proctor 93

Ist 4-135 BARDON HALL BRY 56 (D.D.R Hamber 4-1-2 Bit Cochrane 90

Ist 36-6 SELENTLY 28 (ED.F.S) BARDON 49-2 B Cochrane 90

Ist -060 FARMY NNORT 11 (BD.F.R Hamber 4-8-11 J Carrol 60

Ist 210- SWEET PAYLONA 247 (CD.F.P Colc 4-8-4 Goved 0 North 17)

Ist 1033 GEALLTY 28 (B.D.F.G) W 0 Gombur 3-8 3

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(3) -564 (ERMART 5 (C.F.S) M Usber 6-8-1 N Adams, 93 9 (3) -564 ZERIMATT 5 (C.F.S.) M Usber 6 8-1 N Adams. 93 5-2 Easy Usbernay 11-4 Glide Path 6-1 Calentay 7-1 Quality 8-1 Bardon Hill Boy. 10 1 Secret Paulina Zermail 12 1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS B Hurbury A winners from 6 runners, C67%, A Charlest 13 from 37, 486%, M Strate 8 from 72, 164%, J Berry, 10 from 41, 744%, D Senarth 8 from 37, 216%, P Cele 19 from 106, 17.9%. JOCKEYS J Cared, 9 waters from 34 (der., 26.5%, B Thomson, 9 ton 45, 20.0% R Cochrane 11 kom 73, 15.1%, S Sanders, 3 from 25, 13.1% Only qualifies.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME, Beverley, 2.25 Turbo (4-sth.) 355 Hullburk Langfold Park: 2.15 Sazlam, 3.15 Christmas First Wolverhampton, 7.00 Cut Nevert 8.30 Std. Mc. 9.00 Run For Uni Workester 12.45 Runhum 2.20 Missend Vacation Sound Forecast

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER 2.25 Still Here. 2.55 Too Hasty, 3.25 Percy Braith-walte. 3.55 Sudden Spin. 4.25 General Mecaritur. 4.55 Darling Clover.

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2.25 INPLINGEOTE SELLING STAKES

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1 -005 ALPHETON PRINCE 33 / I. Harra 9-0
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6 000- FRISH OASS 231 8 hottmat 9-0
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8 6410 STILL HERE 38 (G) M Heaton-Shin 9-0
9 0-00 TURSO MORTH 11 (N II) M Dock 9-0
10 480- HOW COLLD-1 24 IT Easten 9-0
11 00-0 KUDOS BLUE 23 J Berni 8-9
12 LEBENINSM IN-P Sty 8-9
13 0-04 MY KND 9 (8-0) M Treater 8-9
13 0-04 MY KND 9 (8-0) M Treater 8-9
14 1840 PANAMA JIVE 15 (G) M Johnston 8-9 3-1 My kind, 5-1 Parama Jiva. Crystal Fast, 6-1 Poly My Sor Horts, 10-1 Alphelon Prince, 12-1 Others

2.55 HYPAC HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,057, 71 100yd) (16) 3-Y-O: £4,057. 71 100yd) (16)

1 -000 TOO HARIY 14 (D.P) T Easterby 9-7
2 5-00 ROHARIY 14 RESCRIM 9-6
3 50-0 RETINDE 14 M Harmond 8-13
4 3822 SILVERDALE NINGSH' 15 (D.P) K Hogg 8-11
6 -800 RATE ROHARTE 112 WINSON 6-11
7 0-04 SMARTER CHARTER 12 MY 12 ARMONTHER 18-19
8 2-00 MALLAGH HALLAD 29 (G) B Nichlando 8-8
8 2-00 MALLAGH HALLAD 29 (G) B Nichlando 8-8
8 2-00 MALLAGH HALLAD 29 (G) B Nichlando 8-9
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8 2-00 MELLAGH HALLAD 17 (C),D.P) E Weymet, 8-6
17 90-0 7-00R*S DEED 31 C Was 8-0
17 30-0 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 182 J Eyre 7-13
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3.25 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £4,510: 1m 100yd) (17)

1 0-02 PERCY BRAITHWAITE 15 (F) M Jonasion 4-10-0 J Wesser B 2 6-30 TERTRIM 7 (D.F) M Maine 4-9-8 J Fortune 15 3 301 MOURTGATE 195 (C.F.G.) M Severy 4-9-7 W J O'Contor 5 4 00-5 PRIDE OF PENDLE 7 (CD.F.G.S) D Microsis 7-9-8 N Commortor 9 5-00 TOUCH A MILLEN 18 (V.D.F.) & Durone 4-9-2
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7 00-0 ELPOOS 23J (D.F.G.) III Harmond 4-9-0 J Familie (7) 3
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15 00-0 SARD 14 (CD.F. G. III Hammond 19-7 (D.F.) N Remote 4
16 0-90 ROSSATE LOOGE 14 (D.F.) T Lasterb, 4-8-4 N Carticle 10
17 0-10 BALATA BAY 91 SHAT 5-7-10
18 BRIGHT IN 5-1 PETS. Pathware 6: Fase CF Petric 8-7 Millens 11
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3.55 DON & RAYMOND GIBBON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (\$3,834 2m 35yd) (14)

4.25 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0 £3.743 1m 3/216yd) (4)

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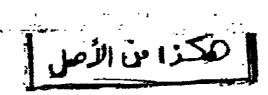
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Newlove offers threat to Broncos

Tenacious London facing acid test at Knowsley Road

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LONDON Broncos have established their credentials in the Stones Super League with four wins from six matches. If they could topple St Helens tomorrow night, then their challenge in the rugby league competition would take on an enhanced credibility.

It is a pity for London, therefore, that the third-placed Broncos have had to surrender home advantage against the leaders because their landlords. Charlton Athletic, need the ground for their Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off match against Crystal Palace, necessitating a switch to St Helens. London clubs have an un-

happy record at Knowsley Road, going down to five straight defeats in 15 years. However, in breaking a simiiar, sequence of failure at Headingley last Sunday, the Broncos enjoyed one of their best victories of this or any season, coming from 18 points down to do so and displaying a tenacity that few sides could

Remarkably, the Broncos had only 12 players for the final quarter, Terry Matterson having been sent off for a high tackle. The price of his act of recklessness was a two-match ban, imposed by the disciplinary committee, which keeps him out of the game at St

GOING: STANDARD

WOLVERHAMPTON.

7.00 I'm Still Hers. 7.30 Sweet Supposin. 8.00 Backview. 8.30 Jon's Choice. 9.00 C-Harry. 9.30

7.00 EBF CARDIFF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,846: 51) (8 runners)

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7-4 Sperieer's Revenue, 7-2 Sendmoor Denon, 4-1 Savet Supposon, 7-1 David Janual Got 16-1 Rural Lad Golden Flagma. 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS B Bastiman, 6 winners from 29 runners, 20.7%. S Woods, 6 from 30, 20.0%, J Berry, 33 from 206, 16 Oh; A Badey, 32 from 208, 15 Oh; C Farhurst, 8 from 22, 13 6%; W 6 M Turner, 7 from 52, 13.4%.

7.30 EDINBURGH CLAMING STAKES

7 2661 SPENCER'S REVENSE 17 (B.C.B.F) N Tintes 7-9-13

(£2,381: 1m 1f 79yd) (11)

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

above the opponents London have encountered thus far. With Wigan devoting their weekend to their appearance in the Middlesex Sevens, St Helens have the opportunity

to pull four points clear. For all the historic implications of their debut at Twickenham, Wigan have been criticised from within the game for neglecting their responsibilities to Super League and for trying to do too much. Whether they have bitten off more than they can chew will be seen when they play their rearranged fixture at Halifax on Tuesday.

Scott Gibbs, who is at the centre of considerable speculation about a return to rugby union with Richmond or Newcastle, has recovered from influenza and returns in the centre for St Helens, Alan Hunte reverting to the substi-tutes' bench. Otherwise, the side is the same as that which demolished Oldham last weekend.

In Il league and cup games since his arrival in January from Canberra, Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, has yet to taste defeat and his side continues to go from strength to strength. London's main priority must be to try to contain Paul Newlove and Danny Arnold, first and second in the try-scoring list this season, with 35 between them.

8.00 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP

1 1415 GREINSPAN 3 (G) W blue 4-9-19 J.
2 0136 BACKWEW 29 (CD,G) B Licerellyn 4-9-8
3 0205 HLIZAH 14 (C.F.S.S) R Basterian 8-9-6
4 0865 SHANWR 9 (C.S.R Hollerbarn 5-9-4
5 0100 IOTA 11 (C.F.S.) J. I. Herre 7-8-9
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8.30 PLYVINE CATERING HANDICAP

9.00 WOLVERHAMPTON SELLING STAKES

1 54 ABSTONE ABAM 14 P Evens 8-12 3 Porteins 4 2 3023 C-HARRY 9 (V) R hollenthead 8-12 F Lymoth (5) 2 3 855 DONT FORGET SHOKK 19 J Moore 8-7 J F Egens 5 450 Russ FOR US 17 (8) C Dayler 6-7 J Speck (5) 2 5 6 TAZIO NUVOLARI 14 tV G M Tumer 8-7 7 Sprake 1

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9.30 LONDON HANDICAP (£3,098: 1m 100yd) (11)

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7 6-34 SCATHEBURY 19 (C.6) 8 Hoods 3-8-10 _ 17 Woods 8 8 5184 RICHESTER LASS 14 (B.D.F) 8 Bowing 4-8-5 M J Dwyer (7) 1 9 0-05 Ring This Chill 7 28 M Usher 48-3 J Alama 1 10 0-05 SPORTING RISK 56 P Home 48-0 J J Alama 1 11 000 LUCY'S GOLD 325 M Rhan 5-7-10 D Wright (3) 7

Willie Swann, Western Samoa's scrum half in the World Cup last year, arrived from Auckland this week and is among the substitutes for Warrington's game with Sheffield Eagles. Andy Bennett is preferred to John Hough as hooker for the first time this

Warrington have clamped down on any of their players playing rugby union in the winter. The only ones going will be those who choose to go full-time," John Dorahy, the coach, said. "I played back-to-back football and know the consequences. Rest is essen-

At Castleford, where Workington are the visitors, Diccon Edwards, who signed from Newport last month, has had a deal agreed by the club to play 15 matches for Leeds in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship. Frano Botica has a similar agreement to turn out for Orrell.

The first division also brings a clash between the first and third-placed clubs, when Keighley Cougars meet Featherstone Rovers, the leaders. Widnes have signed Mark Preston, from Halifax, on loan and the former Wigan and Fylde rugby union wing will play in the home match against second-placed Hud-



Gibbs, the St Helens centre, is being linked with Newcastle and Richmond

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THUNDERER 5.40 Will James. 6.10 Fierce, 6.40 Pinecone Peter. 7.10 Tim. 7.40 James Pigg. 8.10 Expressment. 8.40

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Carl Evens: 8.10 Expressment.

5.40 LEAMINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,322: 2m) (5 numers)

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6.10 ROSE AND WILLIAM SUTTON HOVICES CHASE (£3.275 2m) (4)

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6.40 MINTEX HANDICAP HURBLE

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7.70 CHARLECOTE NATIONAL HUNT NOWICES

7-4 Tra. 9-4 Governor Dame!, 5-1 Shannon Lad, 8-1 Topping The Lore, 8-1 Blazen Date: 14-1 knockerde, 16-1 colors.

7.40 M J TIMMS & SON LTD WINDOW CLEANERS HANDIGAP CHASE (£4,565; 3m 2l) (5)

8.10 SEASON'S END NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,051: 3m 2f) (6)

1 300P PROFESSOR LONGHAR 10 (F.G) Mrs C Hads 9-12-5 If Hides (7) 2 FOOD DAMERS TREASURE 21P (F,G) B Summers 10-12-0 3 3531 EVPRESCRIBENT 7P (FLS) Mess A Ross 12-12-0 G Pentiold (7) 4 3021 GOOD LOOKING 6UV 21P (F) Mrs J Young 7-13-8 A Charles-Jones (7) 5 OP1 LOYAL GAT 20P (F) A Darlangen 8-12-0 ... P Abbu (6 U22P PYDERS WELLS 1) (F) Mrs M Morra 9-12-0 ... S Walter (7 9-4 Lippi Gall, 5-2 Protestor Longham, 7-2 Good Looking Gay, 4-1 Signs 6-1 Ryders Wolls, 16-1 Damers Treasure

8.40 BOWING OUT STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT

FLAT RACE (£1,700: 2m) (11) OBJUSTACE STATEMENT OF THE STATEMENT OF M. Keighizy (0 Pinnegan (L. Aspell (

Lingfield Park

Going: good to lim furil; standard (AM) 1.50 7ft 1. Russian Music (B Cocimano. 11-10 tax. Private Handicapper's lop cating 2. Amustimn (4-1); 3. Mejor Dunces (11-4). 10 ran Hd. 3M Mss G Helleurs, Tore 22 60 P. 30. £1 50, £1 20 DF 55 20 Trio £3 10 CSF £6 33 2.20 (5f) 1. Caviar Royale (Pat Edder), 4-9 (ap. 2. Eason Parl (20-1); 3. Bold Arroan (10-1) 5 (ap. 5), 1-1 R Harmon Tote (1-30, 21-10, 23-20 DF (5).90 CSF (8-54

2.50 (Im. 2): 1, Zidac (Mr. J Durkan, 3-1 law); 2. Montone (8-1): 3, Matemison (30-1): 13 ran NR, Cherelloy Dancer 1 VI, 11 PM Malar Tale: 24 10; 51 50, 52 00, 55 90 DF 510 60 Tinor \$190.10 CSF \$25 66 Tincast 2,366 09 2.20 (1m, Asto) 1, Sooty Term rG Bardwell. 3-1 revit; 2, Duke Vateromo (15-2), 3, Waldow Beach (9-2), 9 and 134, 11, J Bradley Tote: 55-40; 21, 20, 52-70; 52-00 DF 528-50 Tro-536-10 CSF 525-05 Trocast 594-76

4.20 /Th 1, Incere IA MicCione, 100-301; 2. Russy 19-4 ji-tavi, 3, One in The Eye (85-1) Jamescen Flight 9-4 ji-tav. 9 ran 134, 140, 161 H. Cardy. Tota 53 80, 5130, 5110, 54 10. DF 52 70 Tho 521 90 CSF-510-55 After a stewards inquiry result shoot 4.50 (7) (40) dt (1, Alhaere (7 Quinn, 6-1) 2. Yeast (4-9 lav), 3, Queen Ol All Brids (8-1) 6 ran, Sh nd, 31 C. Benstead, Toler 25,60; 12 10, \$1,30 DF 52,60 CSF 59,19.

Jackpot: \$24,872.30 (0.08 whrning tick-ets; pool of £31,878.86 carried farward to Lingfield today). Placepot: £13.80. Quedpot: £12.80. Beverley Goings good to firm

3.00 (5) 1 Speed On (C Ruter, 13-8 lat). 2 Strat (4-1), 3, Mystic Mad (12-1), 12 rat, 18 Petarina, 9, 91 H Candy, Tote 92 70; 51 30 52 20, 92 80 DF 98, 10 Tro 946 30 CSF 511.65

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3.30 .1m 3/216yd) 1. Compasse (Dane O'Ned 14-1) 2 Forzar (6-1); 2. Strategic Play (13-8 tax) 10 ran MR Anchorera. Rose Crame 15-1, 1 J Fraperald. Total: 55-55-70 529-9 (1-10 DF 509-70 Trans 515-70 CSF 510-52. Transit 522-31

4.00 (fm fr 207yd) 1 Swendiplly (W Carson 7-4), 2, North Song (4-6 lav); 3, Source (7-1) 6 ran NF Land Lone 41, 41 J Dunlop Tole 53,30 £2,30 £1,00 DF, £1,40 CSF £3,43

4.30 (St. 1, Alpine Time d. Detton, 1-2 (av) 2, Agbeegs (7-1), 3 Gpb; Process (33-1), 8 ran 2 1 1 (a) Diager Tope \$1.40 (\$1.10, \$1.36 (\$3.10 OF \$2.60 CSF \$2475

5:00 r/m 100yor 1 Euro Sceptac (F Lynch, 3-1) 2 Commander Gen (12-1), 3, Comean Page (12-1) 4, Vigetoout Plancess

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

(4-1)-tan) Murphy's Gold 4-1 ;-tan, 17 tan, 25-1, Ind T Eagastry, Tote (21-30, 52-60, 53-80, 61-70, DF-586-10, Time, 6375-40 (part wore pool of 6318-13 campa toward to 325-at Boverley today) CSF-6102,72, Timotes: £1,125,63. Placepol: £17.70. Carlisle

Going: good to firm 2.10 (5t) 1, Recondite (K Dertey, 8-11 fav: 2, Impulsal (4-1), 3, Red Hormance (65-1) 6 ran (M. 2, M Chennour, Tote 51-40, 51-10, 52-70 DF, 54-10 CSF 53.63 2.40 (5) 1. Just Bolb (J Fortune, 9-4 law), 2. Rockszacker (5-1); 3. Finisterie (40-1) 12 Ian NR kung Frode 11(i, 14) S Kastlewett. Toter 52.90, 51.70, 52.80, 55.30 DF. 513.50 Thro 5284.10 CSF, 513.39 3.10 (5' 307vd) 1, Sehurutpark Plyer (P Roberts, 9-2), 2, Barato (3-1 law); 3, Sondense (7-1) 13 ran, 51, VI, JBeny Tote; \$4.50, 11 50, 125 50, 23 00 UP: \$12.00. Tho: \$58.80 CSF \$19.41 Tressu, \$95.31

23-00 CSP (1984) THE SOLID (1984) F. Fallon, 4-1); 2. Diet (11-2), 3. Brambles Way (85-1) Proud Image 9-4 (av. 10 ran. 1 ht., nt. Wharton 10te, 54 30, 140, 52 00, 53 50 DF \$12.30 Trior \$206.00 (part wore pool of 1266.63 carried torniard to 3.25 at Beverley today: CSF 123 72

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4.10 (77 21ayd) 1, Milster Woodsalch (K Darley, 8-1), 2, Sandolacae (14-1); 3, Arebian Heights (12-1); 4, Yeoman Öliver (15-2) Soldier Mai, 7-2 fav 17 an, 51 bd, 21 M Jarva. Tote, E10-20; 22 60, 54 60, 52 10, 52 40, DF; 5155 10 Trio: £286 30 CSF-£107-21, Troast: \$1.260 95
4.40 (61 205yd) 1, Miles Charle (R Lappin, 14-1); 2, Talluteh Belle (20-1), 3, Cragmore Magic (25-1) Patroagale Truch 1-3 tav 8 an, MF; Jungle Patrol, 11, hd T Wall Tote \$18.60, \$2 60, \$1.80, \$21.30 DF \$28.20 Trio nol won (pool of \$228.00 carreat lorward to 3.25 al Beverley todayi. CSF-\$222 93 Alter a stemand; inqury, result specific

5.10 (11) 6/32yd) 1, Persian Smake (Marin Duyer, 10-11; 2, Lostrs (20-1); 3, Urban Dancing (5-1), Zanharser 3-1 tay 12 ran MR Sedricta, Uncle Doug, 5, 13M, A Hide Tale 5/11-0, (2350, 2330, 2130, 2130) 5/10 90 The 5255 30 (part wort pool of £195 06 camed loneard to 3.25 at Beverlay acitsy), CSF, 5/178 07, Tincast, £1,043 81. Placepot: \$5,472.50. Quadpot: \$837.90 (part word pool of \$784,46 cambol forward to Lingfield lodgy)

Thursday's late results Hamilton Park

Going: soft (good to soft in places)

7:00 (9 Ayd) 1, Lyclus Touch /T Williams, 15-2, 2, Ballenn Perisl (11-8 Isw); 3, Robec Gel (9-4), 5 ran 1-1, hd. M Johnston Tore 55.30, 22:00, 51.60 DF E4 10, CSF E1 5 30.

7.30 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Lord Advocate (N Varley, 14-1); 2, Philms; (4-1); 3, Field Of Vistor (8-1) Palece Of Gold 3-1 law 9 ran 10, 11 D Noten Tote, 514-50; 52-30, 61-20, 52-40, DF 519-70 The 593.80 CSF: 056.17 Tricest 5448.37 8.00 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Shooting Light (P Bloomfield, 6-5 fav), 2, Los Alamos (14-1), 3, Ewar Bold (5-2) 6 ram 194, 21 M Janvas. Tole: £2.20; £1.80, £4.10 DF £8.80, CSF: £15.75.

219 (3), 8.30 (thn 65yd) 1. Peetr M Kennedy, 16-1); 2, Intendant (2-1 lee); 3, Rapid Mover (20-1) 11 san 21, 11. C Fethurst Tote: £29.90. £5.50, £2.20, £3.00 DF: £7160. Trio £297.00. CSF: £51 94 Tricest £567 73. 8.00 (Im 1f 36yd) 1, Domino Flyer (W Supple, 3-1); 2, Durgeon Princese (5-1); 3, Alpine Johns (9-4) Passh In The Pan 13-6 tw 5 rain (9.1 5) Mrs A Swerbonk, Tote: 54 10; £1 90, £2.00 DF; £8 80 CSF £16 59

Plecepol: £172.70. Quadpot: £45.70.

Sedgefield Going: 5mm

B.15 (2m S) 1 Wyd holej 1. Classic Crest fN Bentley, 9-4 tavt; 2, Storm Dance (14-1); 3, Wydrano (4-1); 13 min 1 MJ, sh hid. G Moore Tolar E2,500; £1 90, 64 00, £1 50 DF £42.30, Trio: £36.00 CSF £32.19 8.45 (2m SI ch) 1, Little Wenlock (Mrs V Jackson, 11-8 (au); 2, Private Jer (7-1), 3, Hazel Crest (11-2), 10 ran 11, 151, Mrs D Gibson, Tote, \$220; £1.50, £1.40, £2.00, DF \$7.20, This £30.70, CSF £10.68 7.15 (3m 3l ch) 1, Overflowing River (A Thoman, 9-4 tim?; 2, Go Silly (11-8); 3, Grand Scanery (5-2), 7 ran, NF: The Green Fool 51, 14l J Wade Tote: E3.30; £1.60, £1.80 DF: £3.80 CSF- £8.98 Tricost £14.73.

7.45 (2m 5f 110)d heliet 1. Karenter (R McGreen, 9-4 tevt, 2, Palace River (12-1); 3. Cando Lad (20-1), 4. Twin Falls (9-2) 16 ran 51, 25-1 W Storey Tote, 62,86; 51,10, 54,30, 65,00, 62 10 DF 650,40. Tete: 6268 90 CSF 634 58 Téleser, 6469,04 8.15 (2m 110)d chi 1, Weaver George (A Doblon, 15-8); 2, Pagiseccio (6-4 lan), 3, Misser Casual (17-2), 8 ran. %1, 20, J Heltens, Toer £2-40, £1 10, £1 70, £2.20. DF: £2 00 CSF-£5 58

8.45 (2m 11 indie) 1. Triennium (S Melrose. 20-1), 2 Val De Rame (3-1); 3, Norioc (4-1). Highland Way 11-4 (av. 10 ren. 194), sh.hd. R. Allan. Tote: E61 60: 55.50, E1.10, E2.20. DF. \$78.10. Tion: \$95.00. CSF: \$74.07. Trip Placepot £15.40.

Untried Wales must discover art of winning

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WALES will take an inexperienced squad to Australia in nine days' time, knowing that winning rugby has become a prerequisite in the professional era, but the country that won only once in the 1996 five nations' championship must begin improving that record in Australia where, five years ago, they suffered probably their greatest international humiliation.

The party of 30 announced yesterday for the eight-match tour retains only five of the players who were present at the 63-6 demolition in Brisbane when the international was followed at the official reception by brawling among the Wales players. That, as Kevin Bowring, the coach, stressed, is history, but, like it or not, it is one of the primary images that the Australian public retains of that unhappy

Fortunately, Wales's recent form holds far more promise, or would do if the endless wrangling over contracts and competitions — as divisive in Wales as it is in England - could be concluded. Terry Cobner, the Welsh Rugby Union's (WRU) director of rugby, who will manage the party, acknowledges that more must be done to keep players in Wales, "but we

must start winning". "If we do that, we can attract sponsorship and market the game better than we are doing now," Cobner said. "Our aspirations on the field are being driven by our commercial success off it. There is only a limited amount of money in the pot and we have to decide, if we value the national team, what proportion can go to

Cobner believes that the

WRU and the clubs, working together, can create a financial package that will keep players

from joining wealthier Eng-

"If we can think in terms of £60,000 a year, the majority of players would stay," he said. That is around twice what is believed to be on offer at the moment, but below the potential earnings of leading players in a successful XV.

There is no place for Mike Rayer, the Cardiff full back. nor for Paul John, who was so influential at scrum half when Pontypridd won the Swalec Cup a week ago. Justin Thomas is the only full back named and Wayne Proctor, the Llanelli wing, will cover the position. The uncapped backs include a complete newcomer in Dafydd James, whose club, Bridgend, also offer the raw potential of Stephen Ford, the 19-stone lock.

The other three uncapped players are John Funnell, the Neath centre who has formed such an effective partnership with Leigh Davies, Mike Voyle, the Newport lock, and Kingsley Jones, a flanker from unfashionable Ebbw Vale whose father. Phil. has the distinction of managing Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand wing.

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Harris leads players bound for Coventry

COVENTRY, promoted from than a year in the job. He is a the Courage Clubs Champion-ship third division last month as runners-up to Richmond, emulated the London club by signing a stack of new players yesterday, though not of quite the same international calibre.

Four move from Leicester. the best known of them being Jez Harris, the stand-off half, who played twice for England A in 1995. Also bound for Coundon Road are three other backs - Richie Robinson, Wayne Kilford and Andy McAdam. They are joined by Matt Gallagher, from Nottingham, Mark Crane, of Clifton, and Richard Lloyd and James Brown, the England

Schools players.
Mike Coley, the Gloucester chief executive, has left the as anyone else to learn I was first division club after less

victim of the decision to restructure, although Gloucester issued a statement yesterday saying that he had offered to resign and announcing that they had reached an agreement over compensation

Coley's departure follows Gloucester's decision to set un a new company to run the club and look for sponsorship to pay their players. Coley, 50. Gloucester's first

full-time chief executive, was shocked by the decision, but not bitter about it. There was no acrimony," Coley, the for-mer Rugby Football Union marketing manager, said. "I accepted the decision, but it was as much of a shock to me no longer required."

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HE TIMES SATURDAY

Famous old that hark of

Saturday portrait: Robbie Fowler, by Rob Hughes, football correspondent

Streetwise youth who has final tutorial at Rush's finishing school

comes no more precocious than this: during March, a photograph of a three-hour-old boy appeared in the Liverpool Football Club match programme. The tot was adorned with a red and white scarf proclaiming "Liverpool, pride of Merseyside". Asleep was Robbie Declan Fell. The child had been named after Robbie Fowler, the phenomenon of the new age at

The baby will grow up, but, even while Fowler has been scoring goals from all angles, goals that stretch the imagination, there have been those at Liverpool who have asked when, how and if young Fowler will himself grow up. It could be today, for, on FA Cup Final morning, Fowler, one month after his 21st birthday, is just one goal from becoming the first player since Peter Osgood, in 1970, to score in every round of the Cup.

Fowler, the Artful Dodger of the penalty box, is up against Peter Schmeichel, indisputably the master of the one-against-one, goal-keeper-versus-goalscorer, situation. It could well be the pivotal contest of the final. The odds favour Fowler, for, in the FA Carling Premiership this season, he has scored all of Liverpool's goals against Manchester United. beating Schmeichel twice at Old Trafford and twice at Antield, goals which form part of his tally of 85 in 143 first-team

appearances.
Did you ever see a striker so quick, so cocksure, so uninhibited? Did you ever set eyes on a player with such swift delivery from brain to head or to either foot, that can conclude a match in such

breathtaking style?
The gift, and Fowler acknowledges that it is a gift on which he worked obsessively almost before he could reason, has already taken him from Toxteth, that troubled area of Liverpool, to the more sedate Mossley Hill, where he has purchased a five-bedroom house for himself, his mother, two brothers and a sister. In the modern way, his father, also Robbie, does not live with the family, but almost with every sentence the goalscorer speaks of his father "keeping my head right, kicking my backside when I need it". He has, in that sense, two fathers, for Roy Evans, the manager who has done so much to restore Liverpool values, has many a time had to decide how much of the instinct to liberate in his finisher, how much to coach him towards greater team play, and how much to try to temper the excesses that are part and parcel of the streetwise upbringing of a

While Fowler has risen to BMW status, the most apposite words spoken about him came from Evans at the start of the season. "He has fire in his belly," the manager said. "He gets himself into trouble from time to time with

his mouthpiece."

That observation came after Fowler's immature prank, when he cut to pieces the shoes of Neil

'He gets himself into trouble from time to time because of his mouthpiece'

Ruddock, the hard man in the Liverpool defence, on the return flight from a Uefa Cup match in Russia. The awakened Ruddock had warned that Fowler would have to pay: Fowler's cheeky retort brought the inevitable punch on the nose, and where the breathing plaster can now be seen, there was blood after that homecoming.

The so-called Fab Four of Fowler, McManaman, Redknapp and McAteer, who represent the youth of this Liverpool side, now believe that they have acquired rapid maturity this season, and that any excesses would be foolish in the extreme, given that the "nice Mr Evans" had shown the Antield door to Don Hutchison, a player as gifted as any of them but far too ill-disciplined for the club.

So perhaps the last has been heard of Fowler being tempted into drinking sprees. Perhaps one has seen the last silly baring of his backside to a baying audience; and now to settle down and show that playing, and scoring, is not only all that he knows, but a commitment that will brook no distractions.

The skill itself was spotted by Jimmy Aspinall, the Liverpool scout, when Fowler, then a diminuitye, sparrow-like figure, rattled in three goals in a match for the sparrow-like figure. Liverpool schoolboys. He was 11. "It wasn't just the goals," Aspinali said. "He knew when and where to put the ball away, and run into space. He had such a lovely touch on the ball."

Aspinall immediately approached Fowler's father, and kept on approaching until the young Evertonian felt comfortable enough at the Liverpool School of Excellence to commit himself to an

apprenticeship at Anfield.
The rest is public knowledge.
Fowler, because of his precocity and because of the way that lan Rush has so willingly revealed his secrets of how to time runs, how to "drop off deep", how, in short, to replace the senior striker, is now uncannily similar to him. It is not simply that they strike, sometimes with venom, sometimes with a delicate caress of the ball, but that they find the corners of the goal with astonishing severity.

Steve Heighway, now the direc-tor of coaching at Liverpool, has observed that, where Rush had principally one method of scoring yet still could not be stopped). Fowler comes from so many directions, with such unplanned sudden eruption of movement, that not even he can know where the strike will come, let alone the

There is not a classic Fowler goal, and Mark Bosnich, a goalkeeper who has been his victim. gave a first-hand view when he said: "He often shoots early, he doesn't mind where he shoots from, but he seems to get late fade usually gets ten out of ten shots on target, and with nine out of ten he hits the corners. If he is doing that deliberately, his accuracy is quite

It would take more than psychoanalysis, more than the down-to-earth approach of the Liverpool



happens in the intuition of a player to whom scoring is second nature. Ronnie Moran, a Liverpool man for the greater part of post-war

footballing history, first saw Fowler at 14, and noted then that, while skill would always be with him, the questions were all to do with attitude. Would he sustain nthusiasm for a career span? Would the sparrow acquire the physical strength to withstand the demands of 50 matches a season, The physical filling out has come. Fowler, 5ft Sin, has those gravity of two of the greatest amassers of goals that the game has known: Ferenc Puskas and Gerd Müller, men who functioned before his time. Müller, trying to answer the unanswerable, once said: "I don't know how I score. Something in my head says, 'Gerd, go this way, Gerd, go

Over to you, Schmeichel. You may have to guess, before a

watching on television around the world, how that inner voice dictates, "Robbie go this way, Robbie go that".

However, when Rush, so sporting a mentor, leaves not only the stage but also Anfield to Fowler after this afternoon, he predicts: "I leave it in good hands; Robbie will probably eclipse all that I have achieved at Liverpool."

That, though, will take a decade at least. By the time that Robbie

christened, will Robbie Fowler still be the idol of his father's eye? In football, there is always another player behind.

At Liverpool, there is a boy called Michael Owen, 16, born in North Wales, like Rush, an Evertonian like Rush and Fowler, but already assigned to Anfield. Owen has broken Rush's schoolboy scoring records, has already scored enchanting hat-tricks for England schoolboys . . . watch out,

Palace plan romantic final chapter | Schott in the dark when

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

FOOTBALL'S main course has been devoured and quite tasty it was, too. Now for the dessert, the Endsleigh Insurance League play-offs. Four clubs, in each of the first, second and third divisions, set off tomorrow in search of promotion to a higher sphere. Agony and ecstasy await. No more romantic a tale can

be found than in the first division, in which Crystal Palace have risen from midtable mediocrity to FA Carling Premiership contenders in only three months. Dave Bassett, manager, take a bow.

Palace were heading nowhere, in sixteenth place, when Ron Noades, the chairman, decided that Ray Lewington's best efforts were not sufficient to guide the club back into the Premiership at the first attempt. Enter Bassett, fresh from a two-

ture from Sheffield United. The transformation is now nearing completion, with Bassett's powers of motivation and inspiration having guided Palace to third place on the back of 12 wins and four draws from 20 matches. Had they not lost 2-1 at Derby County on their penultimate

outing, they might not have

needed to endure the angst of

the play-offs. Lewington has still played a key role at Selhurst Park, alongside Peter Nicholas, his fellow coach, with Palace preferring a low-key build-up to their semi-final first leg against Charlton Athletic at The Valley tomorrow. "We've had a long, hard season, so we've taken our foot off the pedal a bit this week." Nicholas said. "It's been fun, but

we're confident." Leicester City have also reached the play-offs after losing a manager in mid-season, when Mark McGhee

PLAY-OFFS

PRIST DIVISION: Semi-lineis: Tomorrow;
First leg: Chartion Athletic v Crystal Palace;
Leicester City v Stoke City, Wednesday;
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abruptly moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers in De-cember. Martin O'Neill, his successor, has experienced mixed fortunes since arriving at Filbert Street from Norwich City, but a win over Watford on the final day of the regulation season clinched Leicester's berth.

It gives Scott Taylor, the midfield player, a chance to erase his haunting memories of last year, when he played for Reading. Having led 2-0 and missed a penalty, Reading

were beaten 4-3 by Bolton Wanderers, after extra time, on one of Wembley's most dramatic afternoons. Taylor is also aware of Leicester's poor recent record against Stoke City, their semi-final opponents, with Stoke winning 1-0 and 3-2 this season.

In the second division, Blackpool will attempt to make amends for their inexplicable loss of form over the championship run-in, which allowed Oxford United to sneak ahead of them and secure the second automatic promotion slot behind Swindon Town, the champions. They play Bradford City, with the first leg at Valley Parade, and received special dispensation yesterday to use Eric

Nixon, the goalkeeper. Three months is the normal limit for loan players, but, with Blackpool having no other fit goalkeepers, the Football League has given the club permission to extend Nixon's

stay from Tranmere Rovers to

cover the play-offs. Crewe Alexandra also suffered a late-season collapse, losing ten of their last 14 matches, and have been hampered by a series of ankle injuries at Gresty Road. Gareth Whalley, Danny Murphy. Wayne Collins and Gary Blissett are doubtful for the

visit of Notts County. In the third division, Here-ford United field five players with Wembley play-off experience in their tie against Dar-lington. Colchester United take on Plymouth Argyle in the other semi-final, and there could yet be problems for Torquay United, the bottom club. The management committees of the Vauxhall Conference and Football League are holding meetings on Thursday to clarify the position of Stevenage Borough, the Conference champions, who still feel that they should replace Torquay in the League.

HOW pleasant it is to return from a week away to catch up with news of the old friends of this column. In fact, the fax machine was more or less jammed with Marge Schott stories. Schott, the owner of both the Cincinnati Reds base-

ing off again about one of her heroes. Yes, who else but Adolf Hitler? "Everything you read, when he came in he was good," she told the television station. ESPN. They built tremendous highways and got all the factories going. He went nuts, he went berserk. I think his own generals tried to kill him, didn't they? Everyone knows he was good at the beginning, but he just went too

ball team and the St Bernard, Schottzie II, has been sound-

Thanks, Marge. A trifle over-zealous, is that right?



SIMON BARNES On Saturday

it was discovered that these were recycled flowers. A television station had given them to her, and she merely scribbled out a fresh message. She has a happy knack, does Pole apart

talking about the past

Sergey Bubka, the pole vaulter, and one of the greatest athletes in history, went to Rio

de Janeiro to compete in a grand prix meeting. He had a spot of trouble going through customs. Officials thought that the long thin object that he was carrying was really rather suspicious looking. I mean, it could contain all kinds of things. So they sawed it in half. Yes, only his fibreglass vaulting pole. However, Bubka managed to win with borrowed equipment. Meanwhile, the embarrassment among Brazilian sport-ing officials was large to an extreme, especially when you consider that they fancy their chances of hosting the Olympic Games of 2004.

Mild insult

Insult of the week. Fredi Bobic, footballer with VfB Stuttgart, playing against Eintracht Frankfurt, told Jürgen Koetz, the referee, that he was "a blind bratwurst". The German FA suspended him for one game. finding him guilty of "a mild case of insulting the referee".

Getting the bird

On to the latest legal news. A Chicago jury has awarded \$317,000 (about £208,000) to Kimberley Smith, a former member of the cheerleaders of Chicago Bulls basketball team, a group known as the Luvabulls. The basis of her claim is that she did not wish to dance with the Famous Chicken at half-time at a match in January 1991, but the sent some flowers to the rest of Famous Chicken, a mascot of

sorts, beneath whose skin lurks a man named Ted. Giannoulas, grabbed Smith anyway, forced her to dance and, in the course of his exertions, rolled her on the floor. Smith said that, after this incident, she had to give up cheerleading, having been severely hurt on the elbow and the jaw. The Famous Chicken is appealing, as it were, and said the award was "as absurd . .

Great feet

as it looked".

Programme note of the week: Bill Graves, Arsenal scout, said in the programme for Paul Merson's benefit match this week: "I took one look at Paul's feet and I knew he'd

Hat in the ring

It is time to praise the generos-ity of spirit of Geoffrey Boy-cott. Sir G was asked to contribute something to the Brian Johnston memorial sale of cricketing stuff, which takes place at Phillips in Bond Street today and will raise money for the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust for disabled and grassroots cricket. He bunged in the beloved panama, which is expected to make up to £100.

Striking out

Insult of the week (part two). We do not really have what it takes when it comes to dishing it out in this country. Consider the recent exchange of views rivals for the Brazil centre forward position. Tulio dealt out a series of strong criticisms of Romario, but Romario responded: "It would be better if, instead of interesting himself in me, Tulio thought more about his wife. I understand. in fact, that someone is amusing himself with her." Tuliand his wife have appeared on television insisting that all is well. Now Tulio is suing

Westwell and Kaye hold key to finalists' twin ambitions

By Walter Gammie

THE players of Clitheroe and Brigg Town will watch the FA Cup final today with unusually keen attention. The grass that Cantona and company command will, in 24 hours. become their stage as they contest the FA Carlsberg Vase

Huddled round their tele vision at their hotel in Elstree, Clitheroe, of the North West Counties League, will at least have Simon Westwell, their captain, to advise what lies in store. Westwell, 34, climbed the steps to collect the Vase in 1988 after leading the ill-fated Colne Dynamoes to victory

over Emley.
"I'll tell them it'll be extremely warm out there." he said. "They'll be no air. You won't be able to breath. Your legs will be shaking like jelly. Apart from that, you'll be

As he tries to keep those nerves in check leading out his team. Westwell will reflect that half his work has been company producing sports captain, injured in the first leg

souvenirs, the hats, scarves and flags of the Clitheroe

supporters will testify to that. In their cupboards, the Clitheroe following also have the favours of their neighbours to the west and east, Blackburn Rovers and Burn-ley. They rub shoulders with greater footballing glories — Accrington Stanley also lie close by - which cannot be said of the supporters of Brigg, which is near Scunthorpe.

They do, however, boast in John Kaye, 56, their assistant manager, one of Scunthorpe United's most fabled former players. Sold in 1961 for £45,000—"that's £1 million in today's reckoning," Robert Taylor, their secretary, said to West Bromwich Albion, he played in the 1968 FA Cup-

winning side at centre half.

Kaye has, for the past six years, helped Ralph Clayton to turn Brigg into a strong presence in the Northern Counties East League. They must make the ticklish decision whether done. As general manager of a to restore Neil Buckley, the

of the semi-final against Flixton, at the expense of David Mail, his replacement and brother-in-law, who was, for many years, a stalwart of the Blackburn defence.

Selection doubts over Clive Dunn, Westwell's Wembley team-mate in 1988, and Chris Grimshaw, who are both carrying injuries, resolved, Gary Butcher, the Clitheroe joint manager, who runs a motor-ing school, will concentrate on his role as the team's driving force in midfield.

Denis Underwood, the other half of the partnership, a former Clitheroe goalkeeper, will then take charge. Arguments are few. The last, when Butcher wanted to come off in extra time of the semi-final against Mangorsfield United, he lost. Two minutes later, he scored the goal that took Clitheroe to Wembley. ☐ The 22nd Vase final will be preceded by the final of a new venture - the Carleberg Pub Cup - between Grimethorpe

Miners Welfare and Dawlish

Town Social Club.

Croydon need three wins in four days

By Sarah Forde

THE Women's Premier National League title could be decided today when Croydon and Doncaster Belles meet at Fisher FC. If the Belles avoid defeat, the championship will go north. A win for Croydon will prolong the race and leave the south London team to pursue their quest for the double.

The respective build-ups for this match could scarcely have been more different. A formight ago, Croydon won the UK Living Women's FA (WFA) Cup final at the New Den. Last weekend, they won two league matches on con-secutive days. Doncaster, by contrast, have not played a match since an unconvincing performance against Wolverhampton on the that day Croydon lifted the cup. Still, they collected the three points, as have every other team in

ton finished pointless. Doncaster have made a habit of winning matches this season despite being unable to dominate the opposition and must still be favourites.

the league, for Wolverhamp-

While they need just one point, Croydon need all nine available from their remaining three games.

Yet having to cope with a backlog of matches seems to have acted as a spur to Croydon, the only unbeaten side in the league, although they have paid an injury-price for their crowded fixture list. Debbie Bampton, the pla-

yer-manager, is doubtful with a damaged calf and, while Hope Powell, the inspiration behind the WFA Cup triumph, could return to the starting line-up after missing the past two matches, Alex Cottier has work commitments and is unavailable. Bampton remains confident that her team can pull off the double. "If you'd asked me last week ... I I would have said no," she said, "but now the spirit in the team is so

good that, if we can beat Doncaster, nothing will stop Croydon's remaining games are against Liverpool tomorrow and Arsenal on

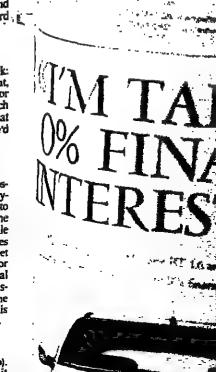


just no appropriate comment." Schott, as faithful readers of this space will recall, was a few years ago suspended for an entire season for various racial gibes, but she is by no means friendless. Peter Angelos, the owner of the Baltimore Orioles, said: "Oh, she doesn't really know what she's saying. She's a dear old thing, really. She means no harm."

Marge Schott was also in

collapsed and died; but she

trouble recently after com-plaining bitterly that she felt "cheated" after the cancellation of a game, during which John McSherry, an umpire.



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Famous old rivals can find inspiration in classic encounter that held Wembley spellbound

'United's triumph that bore the mark of greatness

I the 44 FA Cup Finals
I have seen, none com-pare with that of 1977, the previous encounter between the finalists today. If we have a match equally memorable, those present will be fortunate. There is every hope for another classic encounter. The final of 1953, in which

Biackpool and Stanley Matthews came from 3-1 behind with 20 minutes to go to beat Bolton Wanderers in a frenzied finish, may have been more dramatic in its climax, yet in 1977, two gifted teams, Liverpool's the epitome of 14 seasons of systematic dominance. United's the more erratic but exciting, gave a magical display that was erything that sport should be. They and their respective managers, Bob Paisley and

Tommy Docherty, gave some-thing to the history of the

game that day. Roy Evans and Alex Ferguson could do worse today than remind the present teams of the example set by their predecessors. The present teams are, if anything, even more individually gifted. Barnes. Redknapp, McManaman, Collymore and Fowler bear favourable comparison with McDermott, Kennedy, Case and Keegan; as do Irwin. Scholes, Giggs and Cantona with Buchan, Coppell, Macari, Pearson and Hill.

There are few as stupid as the professed intelligentsia when choosing to pontificate about sport, for which they have neither sentiment nor knowledge. John Mortimer, lawyer and playwright, stated before the 1977 final: "Sport brings out the very worst in people. I have sympathy for football hooligans because the game is so dull."

The match revealed Mortimer to be no Rumpole of the turf. An hour and a half of tactical invention and sustained action and uncertainty. right to the last moment when Keegan unavailingly drove a shot against the angle of United's post and crossbar, was sporting perfection devoid of malice on either pitch or terraces. Neither trainer was needed for 58 minutes. The FA Year Book recorded: "It was the cleanest, fastest, most enjoyable Cup Final for many years." The spectators were as exemplary as the teams.



David Miller recalls the cast and the drama of the finest

FA Cup Final he has seen

There were gestures of magnanimity - from Docherty,

characteristically two-edged. They are the best side in the country," he said of Liverpool. Then, with a twitch of that scarred face: "And we are the best to watch." When it was all over, United

having won 2-1 to deny Liverpool the Double - and the second leg of a possible Treble of League, FA Cup and European Cup - young Arthur Albiston offered his winners' medal to Stewart Houston. Injury had denied Houston, a Scotland international, his place at left back. Albiston, his deputy, was regarded as a potential weakness against the rampaging Jimmy Case. In the event, Albiston was one of



the heroes of the afternoon. Houston warmly told Albiston that he should keep his

Houston, Keegan, Macari, Neal, Coppell ... the makers and shakers of the game today. How long ago now seems the zenith of their playing days. Almost a generation. At the conclusion of those climactic few days. winning two of these three objectives, including the European Cup against Borussia Mönchengladbach, Keegan was about to sign for £500,000 with SV Hamburg. where his career would take a definitive turn before becoming England captain under

Ron Greenwood. Paisley had been brave. He had resisted pressure to include David Fairclough, Liverpool's spectacular matchwinning substitute in many matches, preferring to rely on David Johnson, the England centre forward. "There is no room for sentiment," Paisley "The aim is to keep the team as normal as pos- Neal, Smith, Hughes, Jones Case McDermott, Kennedy, Heighway - Johnson.

Docherty, apart from losing Houston, selected his regu lars: Stepney - Nicholl, Brian Greenhoff, Buchan, Albiston - Coppell, Macari, McIlroy, Pearson, Jimmy Greenhoff. Could Coppell and Hill unhinge Neal and Joey Jones? Would United find the patience to match Liverpool's? It seemed not, initially. Uni-

ted endured the shakiest of

opening ten minutes and con-

tinued to be tactically outproved a turning point.

five minutes early in the second half. Pearson, taking a pass flicked over Hughes by Clemence from 15 yards. Liverpool's response was instant and brilliant. Case, seemingly cut off from goal by two defenders and facing the rising half-volley past Stepney.

Almost as swiftly, United were again in front. Smith lost tame goal on which to win such a giorious final.

Cantona can once more illuminate that definition of his compatriot, Jean Giraudoux, a novelist-playwright more in tune than Mortimer "The ball is that thing which most easily escapes from the laws of life ... with effects that are sublime". Or if Fowler can out his seal on an exceptional season. Either way, it should be special.

played by Liverpool's crisp possession game until halftime. Liverpool looked the complete team - yet they could not score. Brian Greenhoff and the dapper Buchan shut out Johnson and Keegan. When Stepney, the United goalkeeper, stuck out a foot to deny Kennedy's downward header from only five yards shortly before half-time, The three goals came within

limmy Greenhoff, deftly beat wrong way, swivelled to hit a

possession to Jimmy Greenhoff. The ball ran loose. Macari's shot was going wide, but struck Greenhoff and was deflected into the net. It was a

Today we will see whether



Resolute May craves final role call

By PETER BALL

THIS has clearly been a good year for Alex Ferguson's judgment. His decision last summer to put his trust in his young lions in the face of widespread doubts has been fully justified - and widely recognised as such. However, in the past couple

of months, his equally contentious decision to pay El million for David May - the summer before - has begun to look inspired.

So much so, that May gives Ferguson his hardest decision of all this morning when he decides whether to stick with the young Manchester-born defender or to recall Steve Bruce, his battle-hardened captain, for the formidable task of subduing Fowler and

Unlike the Nevilles, Beckham, Butt and Scholes, whose pain to the top has been a smooth progress. May's rise has been harder, and it is only in the past few weeks that he has begun to feel part of the United team.

Being a member of the team when they won the FA Carling

Premiership title, last Sunday, helped, though, and so did scoring the first goal at Middlesbrough, but today will either confirm his growing feeling of belonging or undermine it again.

"I was at the final last year, but I didn't feel part of it," he said this week. "I was there to take a back seat and see what it's all about.

"This year, because I've played in the past ten games, I feel part of it now. If I hadn't played last Sunday, I wouldn't have felt part of the winning team, even though I'd played in the previous nine; but to play and to score the first goal was special, because, even if you win 5-0, the first goal sets everything up, so it was absolutely brilliant.

"Now, if I play in the Cup Final, I'll feel I'm an established United player. I'll feel I've arrived then, and feel I've so that they'll say 'Well, he helped us do this," whereas last year it was 'I helped them lose games' type of thing, even though I didn't mean to.' As that suggests, he had a

Trafford career, not helped by team in the United players' playing some of his early fantasy league: Manchester mes at full back, where he ooked ill at ease. "I'm not being big-headed." he said, "but I don't think I've

had a bad game at centre half for United. It was when 1 played right back that I've not really played well." Unfortunately for May, two

of those games, against Barce-lona and Gothenburg, were widely publicised, but he has a stubborn streak, as he showed when he named his



May: took his chance

City — revealing his boyhood allegiance. With the support of his manager, he has battled through his difficulties, though.
"There have been a lot of doubters, a lot of people

slaughtered me, but I've never doubted my ability," he said. "I suppose a lot of people were doubting the manager all last season about whether he's made the right decision in signing me, but he's stuck by me, and I've stuck by whatev-

Understudying Steve Bruce and waiting for age to begin to take its toll on the indestructible United captain was a thankless enough job, al-though it had its compensations.

"It was the same at Blackburn, where Kevin Moran just went on for ever," he said. "I I've learnt a lot from both of them too." This season. Bruce has be-

gun to show signs that he is not the bionic man of legend. but even when he was injured for a time, May had to watch hind him came into the equation, Gary Neville for a time taking one of the central defensive berths.

"When Gary was playing centre half, I did have a word with the manager just to see what was happening," May said, "but he said 'Don't worry, you'll get your chance," and I've been patient, he's given me my chance and. hopefully, I've taken it."

There seems little doubt about that. Some feel that Gary Neville is potentially the best central defender on United's books, but Ferguson always wanted height in that position. May is no glant, but he is tall enough and strong enough to hold his own.

He has a turn of pace, too, which should gain him the job of containing Fowler and Collymore this afternoon. If so, he will hope to do better "I've played against Fowler once," he said, "Conceded two; so that's something to work

Given May's determination. Fowler may find it more difficult this time.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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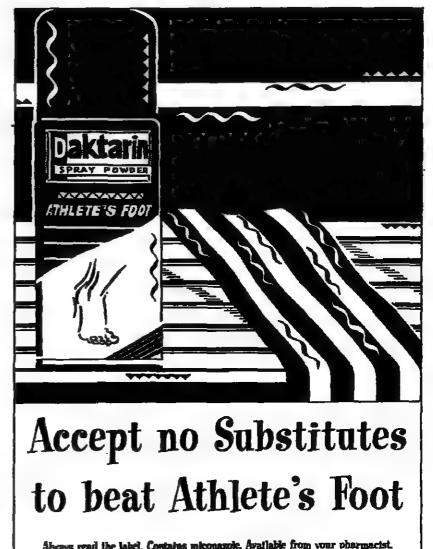
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Liverpool declare their hand before meeting Manchester United at Wembley

Clash of the giants opens new era

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERE are 39 steps from Box, this is the 39th week of the football season and £39 million would not buy you either the Manchester United or Liverpool teams, laced as they are by youth, which compete in the FA Cup Final

this afternoon.
While this has been very properly greeted as potentially a classic final, the scale of the wealth and the way that it is being channelled towards the few in football is likely to mean that we are entering an era when this becomes the norm, when the sheer buying power at Anfield, Old Trafford and St James' Park drives such a wedge between them and the also-rans that the day of the Wembley underdog is becoming too distant to contemplate — but let that take nothing away from what is in store. The two North West giants of the game have such genuine quality and such a fierce rivalry that today ought to be something to cherish and

Liverpool have already declared their team and their hand. Phil Babb has been

preferred in their system of three central defenders to Neil Ruddock; smoothness preferred to ruggedness. The only other position on which Roy Evans, the manager, had to dwell was in midfield, where Redknapp ahead of Michael Thomas. This will be felt harshly in the Thomas household and perhaps will finally convince him to take his offer to move abroad with Bayern Munich. He has a point. His own tenacious form has considerably helped Liverpool of late, while Redknapp has not quite rediscovered the driving form he had before he was injured on England duty last there is a feeling that Redknapp can turn a match one of many who can in this final - particularly where the opposition allow a measure of free space. Manchester United are that kind of opponent.

United's own team, which incidentally has won the right to wear red (so there should be no grey areas), may well be the II who finished the FA Carling Premiership season last Sunday. This would mean that David May, who has fought so long for inclusion, retains his position in central defence and Steve Bruce, such an enthusiastic but now ageing club captain, is omitted. The armband would thus pass to Eric Cantona. Retaining the championship side would also



Wembley and the FA Cup itself await the protagonists for today's potentially epic final between Liverpool and Manchester United. Photograph: Marc Aspland

mean the younger of the Neville brothers, Philip, gaining precedence over Gary.

The third area that the Manchester United manager. Alex Ferguson, is keeping under wraps is whether he starts the final with his £7 million acquisition. Andy Cole, or remains true to his statement that "the player you you buy" - in this case, the local lad, Paul Scholes. Ferguson's comments in the week. praising Scholes's ability to come off the substitutes' bench and immediately lock into the rhythm and flow of the game. would indicate that Cole. lucky fellow, will be given another chance not to fail

United. It is, to some extent, psychology — indeed, given the ages involved, kidology. Ferguson alone knows what is intended. but, with so many matchwinners in so many areas of the field, the pressure points are on individuals. Liverpool might be vulnerable, if anywhere, on the right of their defence, where Ryan Giggs, flying again, could surely expose the space behind Jason McAteer. Conversely, with Gary Pallister still not 100 per cent after his sciatica problems, central defence for Manchester could be tentative - and who would not be against the impish Robbie

Fowler, the juggernaut Stan Collymore and the hypnotic dribbling skills of Steve scored have scored 14 goals between them in six FA Cup If anyone can stop them, it is that colossal goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel. A fascinating ob-

server. Professor Hans Eysenck, the pre-eminent psychologist in the country, allowed himself to be "outed" as a Manchester United fanatic last month. Posing in a club replica shirt, obviously proud to be associated, he picked out Schmeichel for his "enormous psychological influence" on the team. Fair enough: Schmeichel's shouting and ranting certainly moves bodies ahead of him and his 21 clean sheets in 44 games

It does not daunt David

speaks for itself.

James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, who, at 6ft 5in and lost, feels that he can be pretty imposing himself. He too can play the statistics game: 26 unbeaten performances from 51 games this season belie the reputation, on past seasons, of James's lapses in concentra-

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Down in the dressing-room, beneath the Wembley tunnel, the managers will make their final persuasions. Once Manchester United slip out of

their Cecil Gee navy suits, Ferguson may sit them down and repeat his message of the championship run-in: "Trust you ability. Trust yourself. Trust the fact that you are in a dressing room with the best players in the League."

Across the corridor, by now out of their cream Armani creations, Liverpool's team will surely hear something close to what Evans told them early in the season: "We've got to go to the end of this season with the same passion and commitment as Manchester

nothing in it for you." Hopefully, the worst exesses between the supporters muted. It should not take a professor to analyse the basic, almost primaevil relationship between II men who chase multitude who throng to them. Nevertheless, I think Eysenck is happy to tell us that "football is a positive force in

people's lives. When you are a football fan, you have a great passion for something. That is a very positive and beneficial Semi-finet Man Utd 2 (Cole, Backhern) And positive and beneficial

should be the experience for the players. Let us hope it is not transient, as it was for Mark Robins, the young man whose extra-time winner in the 1990 FA Cup Final bought the time for Ferguson to rebuild United. Robins's only hope of climbing the 39 steps this season is if Leicester City reach Wembley in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs.

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WEMBLEY **WINNERS**



Leading the line for The Times, Rob Hughes brings his



Who will be the key men? Cantona? Collymore? Michael





Cantona agreeable to lengthy stay

MANCHESTER United's FA Cup Final preparations will receive a timely boost at lunchtime today, when Eric Cantona gives his first television interview. "I have two years left on my contract but I could stay with United longer than that," Cantona will tell Desmond Lynam on BBC's Grandstand.

The news was warmly welcomed by Alex Ferguson, the United manager. "He's a very fit lad, he really looks after himself, and there's no reason. why he can't play on at the top for years and years. I want him at United for a long, long time," he said. Ferguson was less happy at the prospect of

having to tell one or two of his eading players that they would not even be substitutes this afternoon.

If, as expected, David May and Andy Cole are chosen ahead of Paul Scholes and Steve Bruce, the latter pair are likely to take two of the substitutes' positions. That would leave Lee Sharpe, Brian McClair and Gary Neville, a member of the England squad, contending for the final place on the bench. It would be starling if Neville could not get into his club's best 14.

"I've picked the team, but it seems unfortunate that I will have to tell players who have done marvellous things for me that they won't even be a substitute," Ferguson said.

Colin Hutchinson, the managing director of Chelsea, esterday confirmed that he had travelled to Italy to talk to representatives of Gianhuca

Vialli, the Juventus striker. Discussions have taken place about the possibility of him coming to England," Hutchinson said "We're in the ring with some big hitters, but, at the moment, we're still on our feet." That was a reference to the interest being shown by other leading European clubs.

However, Hutchinson said that reports that Ruud Guilit would become Chelsea's player-manager or player-coach in succession to Glenn Hoddle were premature. "We won't be rushed into a decision," he said. "Nothing will happen for a while yet."

Two contenders have declared an interest in buying Queens Park Rangers, after the decision by Richard Thompson, the club's owner, to sell his stake. However, it is a possible third candidate who will arouse most interest. Graeme Souness has declared publicly in Turkey that he is close to agreeing a deal to purchase a large English club.

If he is targeting Queens Park Rangers, he will face competition from Chris Wright, the owner of Chrysa-fis Records, and Clive Berlin, the dub's administration manager, who has been in-stalled as its temporary

rivalry between rugby's two codes dwindles in the harsh light of professionalism. In-deed, given their 82-6 demoli-tion of Bath on Wednesday under league rules, there is every prospect that Wigan's pace and power will propel them to victory once more in the return fixture with Bath, under union laws, at Twicken-

win, but we're just going to enjoy ourselves and to enter-tain." I've I when Wiesen's assistant coach, said yesterday. In the light of the new entente, one would accept what Lydon says at face value were it not for the steelyeyed approach Wigan take to

of the league side in the Middlesex Sevens

QUITE what Russell Cargill would have made of it we shall say that the committee man whose name is on the memori-

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ham on May 25. "People have said we will Joe Lydon, Wigan's

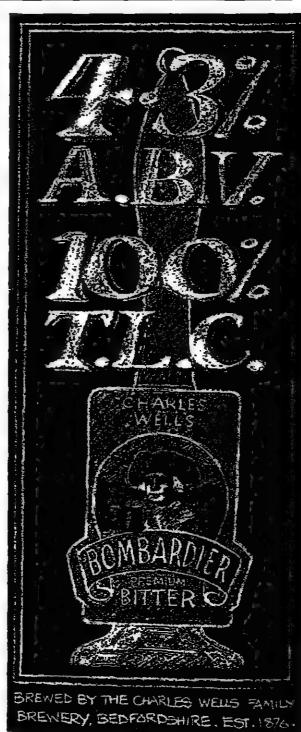
world class players such as Jason Robinson, Shaun Ed-

wards and Martin Offiah. Offiah, of course, is the link. Memories are still bright of the young Rosslyn Park wing. who waltzed around Twickenham in the 1987 Sevens, then left to make his name in the North. On Wednesday, he waltzed around Bath for six tries and the Twickenham crowd, however blinkered it is sometimes deemed to be, will velcome him back.

Wigan are dab hands at sevens in their own code. They won the Nissan world event five years ago and the league domestic tournament for live successive years before losing their grip this season. Adding spice is their open-ing match, against Richmond.

When his Wigan contract runs out in June, that is where Scott Quinnell is bound. Today, though, he will wear the red and white against his new employers and offer them a taste of what they can expect when he returns to 15-a-side

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Celtic sign Stubbs for £3m

CELTIC signed the defender, Alan Stubbs, from Bolton Wanderers yesterday for around E3 million in a transfer that is intended not only to enhance the Glasgow club's prospects, but also to transform its image (Kevin McCarra writes). The purchase is a record for Celtic and ensures that the old accusations of cheese-paring can no longer be levelled against

It had been reported that Arsenal also wished to buy Stubbs, 24, but the Scottish club came to a swift agreement with Bolton over a fee and the schedule of payments. "We have looked far and wide for a left-sided central defender," Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, said. "They are few and far between and hence we have paid a great deal for Alan."

Stubbs, the Bolton captain, was close to moving to Blackburn Rovers last summer, but the deal collapsed. The player, however, stated that he had no hesitation in leaving English football. "I was so impressed by Celtic that I would have signed for them as soon as I spoke to them," Stubbs, who has agreed a five year

The club is without a trophy this season, but its resurgence is undeniable. By August, Celtic's rebuilt ground will hold 47,000 and the completed stadium is to hold 60,000. Fergus McCann, the managing director, said: "I hope people will get the message that we are serious about competing both here and on the Continent." Celtic are also attempting to buy the AC Milan winger, Paolo di Canio.

to Wigan's ignition David Hands assesses the potential impact

Offiah will prove key

never know, but it is safe to al trophy awarded to the winners of rugby union's Middlesex Sevens competition never envisaged the day when Wigan would emerge from rugby league's strongholds to challenge for his cup. Yet, they do so at Twicken-

any game of rugby and the inclusion in their squad of

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Bahraini rebels reject Emir's tag of fanaticism

THERE is a pattern to life in Bahrain. At 5pm, after the beat has abated and the children of the 8,000 American and British expatriates have been collected from school, the protest begins.

In the village of Sinnabis, a few miles from Manama, the capital, a group of balaclavaclad youths step out onto a busy, junction carrying per-haps the most restrained banner to be found in the Middle East today, saying "We want a parliament". A few yards be-hind them, a bomb explodes in a house, wounding a passer-by. Down the road in the village of Bani-Jamra, a group of women shrouded in their black abayas call out "Death to the [ruling] al-Khalifa family" and hold up signs reading

We relish martyrdom". In Sitra, boys roll tyres onto the roads, calmly pour petrol on them and set them alight. Black clouds of smoke pour Phrough the village while cars and veiled women weave their way nonchalantly through the burning circles. After all, it happens every day, Within minutes, sirens her-

ald the approach of the riot police and the demonstrators scatter. The force includes thousands of lathi-wielding



Sue Lloyd-Roberts went under cover with a video camera beneath her robes to witness growing unrest against the ruling family in Bahrain

policemen from Pakistan, Bangladesh and India imported by the Emir to sort out his unruly subjects. They cordon off the troublespots, strike out at anyone still on the streets and throw them into the back of jeeps. Then they break down the doors of houses, ransack their contents and terrorise their inhabitants.

After one such attack, I found an 85-year-old man shaking and gasping for breath, stunned by the impact of the rubber bullets which, his nephew said, hit him at a range of five yards. "They attack everyone," the young man said, "old men, women and children. None of us is safe and all we are asking for

Bahrain had a parliament but it was dissolved by the Emir 20 years ago when its MPs protested at laws that would allow the detention of political agitators without trial Sheikh Isa bin Sulman

al-Khalifa dismissed the MPs and he has been detaining prisoners without trial ever since. He and his brother, Sheikh Khalifa, the Prime Minister, rule by decree with the help of a handful of cronies in the Consultative Council, the Shura.

The Emir keeps the support of Britain and America and gets subsidies from Saudi Arabia by warning the outside world that concessions to the Shia opposition would invite Iranian-style fundamentalism in their valuable Gulf ally. The presence of the US Fifth Fleet in the harbour at Manama is a reminder of the importance of the tiny state.

The opposition says this is a gross exaggeration of their modest aims and they blame many of the bombs that have been going off in recent week on government agents provocateurs. It is a travesty, they argue, to suggest that the Sunni minority is protecting

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Bahrain from Shia fanaticism. One former MP, who cannot give his name since talking to journalists is an offence, explained: "We don't want to change the Government. The al-Khalifas can stay. We just want political reform. We need checks on them to stop the corruption and bring about social justice and the fair distribution of wealth. But the situation now is horrible. We are living in a complete state of fear."

Apart from the brief appearance of young men carrying placards on street corners, the opposition has been driven underground. Its leaders, such as Sheikh al-Jamiri, are in jail or in exile abroad. They say that 5,000 people have been arrested over the past two years and 2,500 are still being detained. They come in the night and

grab us from our houses," one former prisoner said, "As soon as we get to the prison, we are suspended from a bar and they beat the soles of our feet until they are swollen." Many are forced to sign confessions claiming links with Hezbollah and Iran before they are released. A graffiti war has broken out in the villages and every wall bears the scars. At



Bahraini security forces arrest a pro-democracy protester in a scene from BBC2's Correspondent, broadcast tonight

night, young men with cans of paint spray slogans such as "We are not terrorists, we want our rights" and "Parliament is the solution". During the day police paint over the

graffití. Popular anger is best illustrated by the fact that the women of Bahrain, brought up to act with constraint and show indifference to politics, have become noisy activists

and have suffered for it with dozens detained. "They took me to the police station and interrogated me, hitting me with a hose pipe at every question," said 16-year-old Fatima. " 'You must admit your crimes,' they say, and they made us sign false confessions. I was kept for 29 days. One night, they stripped us naked and made us stand

outside until five in the morn-

ing. They came to look at us and taunt us and threatened to rape us."

The evening continues on its inevitable course. A shop is petrol bombed in Muharraq and another demonstration is broken up in Sinnabis. In the nightclubs, Saudi tourists, who pour into Bahrain in their tens of thousands, drink whisky and ogle at Polish girls in the floor show at the Gulf

Hotel, owned by the Emir's brother. They feel safe in the knowledge that their Government will continue to pay for law and order in Bahrain to prevent dangerous notions like parliamentary democracy getting back into Saudi

Arabia. ☐ Sue Lloyd-Roberts's report on Bahrain can be seen on Correspondent on BBC2 tonight at 7.20pm.

Israeli Right offers wide privatisation to win over voters

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SWEEPING plans to privatise Israel's economy by selling 50 of 160 state-owned companies were unveiled yesterday by Binyamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud opposition. The plans would go into effect in his first term, should he replace Shimon Peres as Prime Minister in

this month's general election. In an interview with The Jerusalem Post marking the formal opening of a threeweek campaign that observers believe will be as closely contested as any in the Jewish state's 48-year history, the Likud leader also undertook to try to wean Israel off its \$1.2 billion (£790 million) in annu-

al American economic aid. The far-reaching gramme, with a strong hint of root-and-branch Thatcherism, has for the first time introduced economics as an issue in a campaign so far swamped by competing views about the Middle East peace process and methods of guaranteeing Israelis' security.

In a radical set of proposals that could change the face of Israel, Mr Netanyahu, at 47 nearly 30 years younger than Mr Peres, said he would withfrom the bankrupt kibbutz network, lift the four-year freeze on expanding Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and introduce a rapid transport train system.

The announcement of the revolutionary economic blue print coincided with the publication of two polls showing Mr Netanyahu within striking distance of Mr Peres. whose lead of up to ten points has fallen to five.

Because of the 4 per cent margin of error admitted by the polisters, commentators say the result is too close to hoping for a wider gap after launching the recent 17-day onslaught against Lebanon,

Operation Grapes of Wrath. According to a Gallup poll in yesterday's Maariv newspaper, 45 per cent of Israelis would vote for Mr Peres. compared with 40 per cent for Mr Netanyahu. A poli in another Tel Aviv daily, Yediot Aharonot, showed 50 per cent support for Mr Peres and 45 per cent for Mr Netanyahu.

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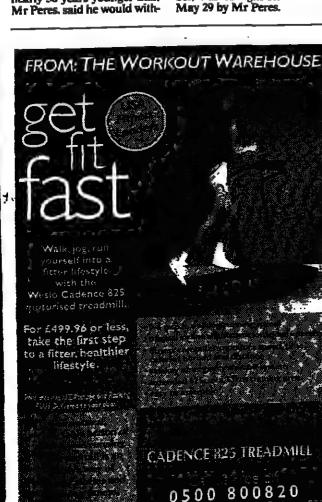
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Boat people stage mass breakout and riot in Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

VIETNAMESE boat people staged a mass breakout from a detention camp in Hong Kong scale manhunt and escalating tensions over efforts to send the asylum-seekers home.

By last night, 60 men, women and children had been recaptured, the Government said. Up to 100 were still thought to be at large.
It was the third breakout in

less than a year from camps housing the thousands of Vietnamese boat people who began pouring into Hong Kong in the late 1980s. Of the 123 who escaped in two breakouts last year, all but one were recaptured, according to the

In yesterday's rioting at the Whitehead detention centre in the New Territories, the Vietnamese set the camp on fire, broke through wire fences and fled into the countryside. It tion camps here in more than ten years, leaving police un-able to control the situation for

Fifteen guards were taken hostage while firefighters bat-tled against blazing buildings in the centre from early morning to late afternoon. Seventeen buildings in the centre were burnt out, many records destroyed, and more than 40 cars and buses damaged.

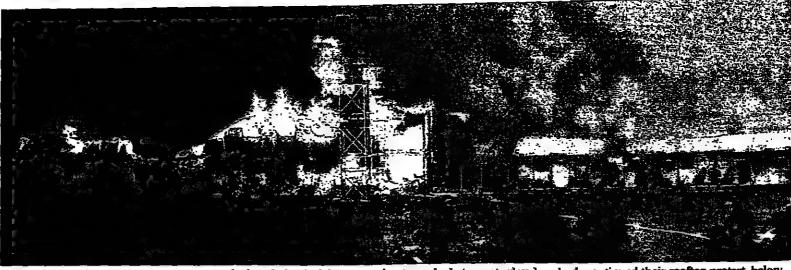
As the protest continued last night, hundreds of detainees shut themselves in their huts to avoid a headcount. Others squatted on rooftops in the centre as smoke hung over the

Security, described the incident, in which inmates used home-made spears and clubs, as wanton violence. At the height of the trouble, hundreds of security officers wearing gas masks and carrying riot shields stood outside the fences and fired teargas into the camp. About 30 guards

hospital. Most were suffering from the effects of teargas but at least one officer had been

Nearby villagers spoke of their fear as some of the detainees ran past their houses as they fled from the camp. A fisherman reported the theft of two boats.

Underlining the Hong Kong authorities' lack of sympathy with the Vietnamese, Selina Chau and David Chu, members of the Legislative Council, warned of the danger to civilians, although past escapees have never attacked anyone. Albert Ho, the spokesman for the council's Demoaccused the Government of lax security. However Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary, echoed Mr Lai's determination to continue the repatriation of the boat people and commended the forces for their



Flames pour from the Hong Kong camp during rioting by Vietnamese boat people. Later yesterday, hundreds continued their rooftop protest, below

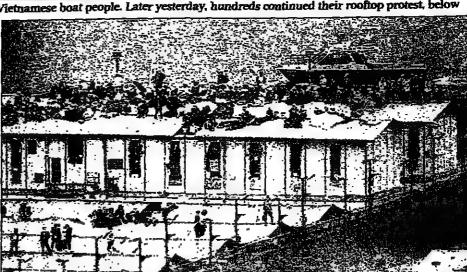
Four independent monitors appointed by the Government had given a warning earlier this week of overcrowding at the detention centres. However Ms Chan ruled out overcrowding as a factor in yesterday's riot.

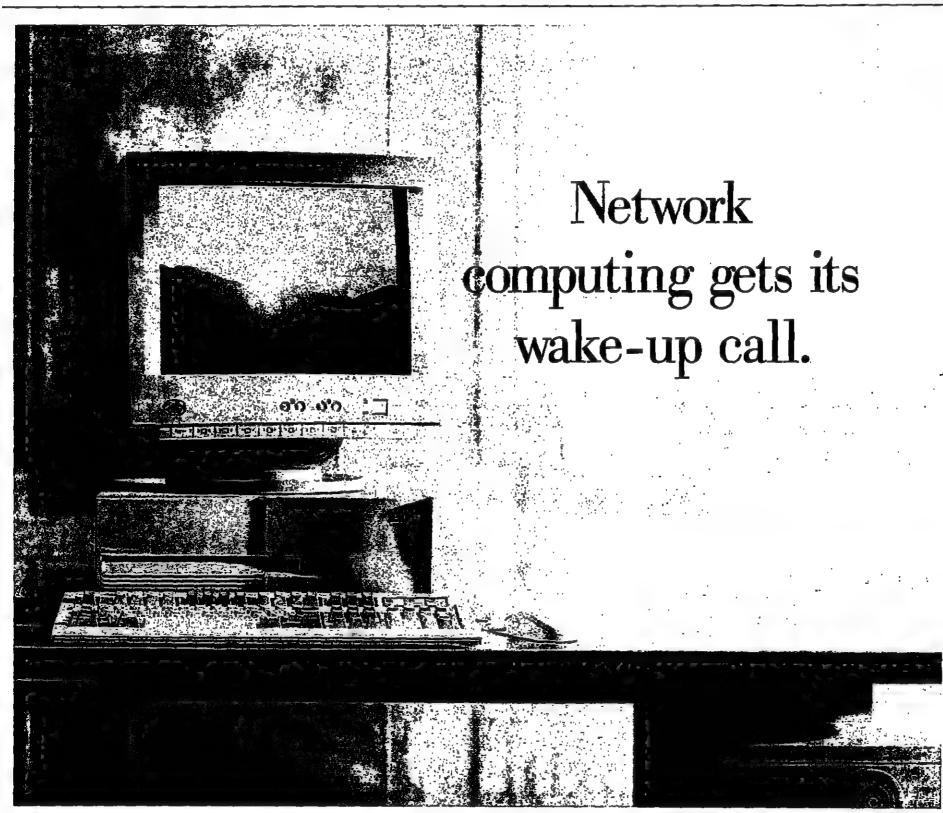
A peaceful demonstration had been held by 5,000 in-mates at Whitehead on Thursday. A spokesman for the correctional services described it as "one of the most united displays of opposition we have seen in many, many months". But on the same day, a security source had given a warning that a breakout was being planned.

The authorities had thought that nothing would happen

until names of those being repatriated had been announced yesterday. In the event, the 1,000 men, women and children, some of whom had spent eight years in detention, were taken away by bus from the smoking camp yesterday afternoon.

The boat people were first 1975, when Saigon fell. Detentions began in 1982, but 80,000 have arrived since 1985. More than 18,000 boat people remain in Hong Kong centres despite voluntary and forced repatriations being started in 1988. Peking is putting great pressure on Hong Kong to





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Indian parties vow to keep Hindu zealots out of power

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INTENSIVE backroom bargaining began last night to form a left-of-centre coalition government in India with the overriding objective of stop-ping Hindu extremists taking power. The negotiations will be watched closely by Paki-stan and other Muslim countries alarmed by the rise of Hindu nationalism.

The rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which includes Hindu zealots feared by the country's 120 million Muslims, has staked a claim to power after the general election. It emerged as the biggest single party but was struggling to find sufficient allies among smaller groups to carry it to a parliamentary majority. It is widely despised for fomenting religious conflict that has threatened In-

dia's secular credentials. President Sharma, the refof forming a government, will invite the BJP to prove that it can command a parliamentary majority. The odds are against it being able to do so, given the strength of determination of its rivals to keep it from power. The key to haltthe BJP lies with the igress Party, which is reeling from its greatest debacle.

BJP and the National Front-Left Front alliance of leftist parties. It must now decide whether to be the junior partner in a coalition; it will doubtless do so.

Congress and the alliance

would command a solid ma-

jority: the question is who would be the Prime Minister. P. V. Narasimha Rao yesterday formally submitted his Government's dent. Some alliance les will be reluctant to make a deal with Congress under his Congress leaders, too, want him out, given that he presided over the party's greatest electoral disaster since it took power nearly 50 years ago.

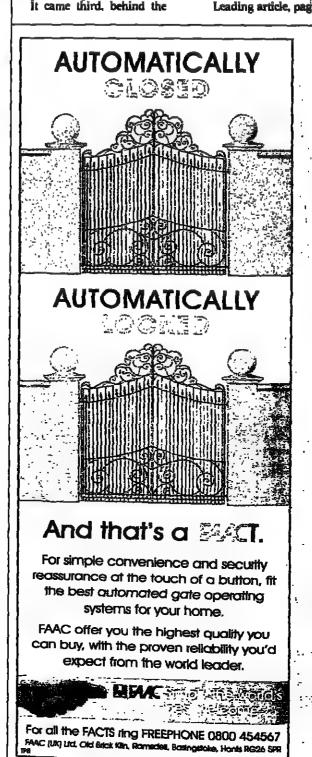
If he clings on, the party straight leadership challenge is more likely. If, as is proba ble, the BJP fails to form a Prime Minister will come from the National Front-Left Front alliance, with Jyoti Basu, the Communist octogenarian Chief Minister of West Bengal, a leading contender.

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Researchers in US claim smog kills thousands

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TEKE a dirty duvet, Southern California's dreaded smog has returned for the summer to an even more hostile reception than usual. New research claims it kills nearly 9,000 people a year in the state, and mog kills 60,000 throughout the United States.

Tiny airborne particles. mostly from cars and lorries. combine with ozone as temperatures rise to produce the region's notorious photoemical smog. The particles were blamed this week in a report by the Natural Re-sources Defence Council for 6.000 deaths a year in Los ngeles alone. Petrol and diesel fumes are

drawn deep into the lungs of city-dwellers, particularly affecting the elderly and children with asthma, the report found, making so-called particulate pollution "the most pressing public health issue"

The council, a Washington environmental group, based pollution data for 239 American cities and on a separate study by the American Cancer

its findings erred if anything on the side of caution. according to independent experts who supported the re-port's conclusion that 17 per cent of deaths from heart and lung disease in the Los Angeles area could be blamed on

The federal Environmental Protection Agency is expected to take the council's report into account when setting new air

pollution standards later this year. The grim verdict on particulates comes as Californian petrol prices reach their highest level since the Gulf War. Whether drivers here will at last adopt the European solution of switching to smaller cars and public transport is another matter.

Politicians from both main parties have avoided the language of abstinence in discussing petrol price rises, squabbling instead over President Clinton's use of a strategic reserve and whether to repeal federal fuel taxes.

"Light trucks", a category covering mini-vans, pick-ups and four-wheel-drives - most with an average fuel consumption of 20 miles a gallon accounted for an astonishing 43 per cent of new vehicle sales last year as Americans re-turned with a vengeance to their gas-guzzling ways.
One syndicated cartoonist

recently tackled the vogue for using monstrous all-terrain vehicles for the tamest journeys: "Stuck in traffic while taking nine-year-old Ashley to her riding lessons three miles away," Jeff Danziger wrote in a caption, "Mrs Octane puts the 200 horsepower, fourwheel-drive sport utility into neutral, turns up the airconditioning, and calls up a radio talk show to complain about the gas tax."

Air pollution may do human lungs almost as much harm as cigarettes, one professor said this week, but it will years before drivers join smokers on California's list of

De Klerk

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FROM INICO GILMORE IN JOHANNEHBURG SOUTH AFRICA'S National

Party, newly released from the constraints of coalition government, announced yesterday that it will focus on economic discipline and mo-

Less than 24 hours after dis-

closing his party was with-drawing from the African National Congess-led Govern-ment of National Unity three

years ahead of schedule, F.W. de Klerk was yesterday donning the mantle of leader

of the opposition.

Speaking on the second anniversary of President Mandela's inauguration, the

National Party leader told the American Chamber of Commerce that the party would be

pressing the ANC on economic discipline, privatisation and a speedy dismantling of for-eign exchange controls. His appearance coincided with the

rand's recovery on the turbulent financial market. Busi-

ness organisations in South

Africa have said the party?

move marks the beginning of

a normalisation of national

The party is keen to capitalise on positive talk from

sections of the business com-

munity. While it will not officially withdraw until the end of next month, party

officials have wasted no time

in spelling out how they plan

The National Party is trumpeting the cause of employers

rights and unfetered market

enterprise. It hopes to make

political capital out of the

ANC's warm relationship

with militant trade unions and

husiness community concerns about the ANC's economic

policy.
The ANC-led Government

was forced late last year to

backtrack on privatisation

after a union outcry. Mr de

Klerk said yesterday that he will be asking President Man-

dela's Government why it is

Mr de Klerk said his party could become a strong and

vigilant opposition", paving the way for expansion of its

support, particularly among

It will also take a moral

stand. The ANC is soft on law

and order and soft on the issue

of abortion. This upsets many

black people. said David Molatsi, the National Party's

black deputy secretary-gener-

al. "We are going to hit them

hard on these issues and on

the issue of corruption."

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to take the fight to the ANC.



Gingrich: bid to soften his public image

Gingrich makes a pig's ear of TV role

FROM MARTIN PLETCHER

If THE Democrats regain control of Congress this November they should thank the awkward little piglet that has just kiboshed Newt Gingrich's bid for political rehabilitation.

The House Speaker had developed this wonderful plan for softening his public mage and shaking the "extremist" tag. A keen amateur zoologist, he decided he would present himself on national television as a latter-day Dr Dolittle frolicking with animals.

His appearance as the stand-in host of CNN's Larry imported a veritable menagerie as his guests. He put an Asian bearcat on his shoulder, bottle-fed a Bengal tiger cub, stroked a young clouded leop-ard and had a 20ft python draped across him.

It was during his appearance on NBC's popular Jay Leno Show that the plan imploded. The Sicilian donkey behaved itself. So did the fire-belly newt, though Mr Leno managed a couple of cracks about how newts were slippery and secreted poison. The trouble began when "the animal guy" — as Mr Leno dubbed the Speaker — picked up the pigiet.

The creature was immediately overcome by a frightful panic. It wriggled and squirmed and emitted deafening high-pitched squeals.

The more Mr Gingrich tried to calm it, the more it bared it teeth and struggled like so many Americans — to escape the Speaker's desperute embrace.

Eventually, in desperation. Mr Gingrich thrust the piglet gross to Mr Leno where it instantly relaxed and lay contendedly in the interviewer's arms as the audience roared with laughter.



Ugandans set seal on Museveni's style of democracy

FROM SAM KILEY IN KAMPALA

iconoclastic Ugandan leader. last night looked set for victory in presidential elections, having taken 84 per cent of the vote with a third of the ballot

papers counted. The size of his lead over his main rival, Paul Ssemogerere, was seen as a massive endorsement for his homegrown style of African democracy and of the economic miracle he has performed since taking power in 1986 after a six-year civil war.

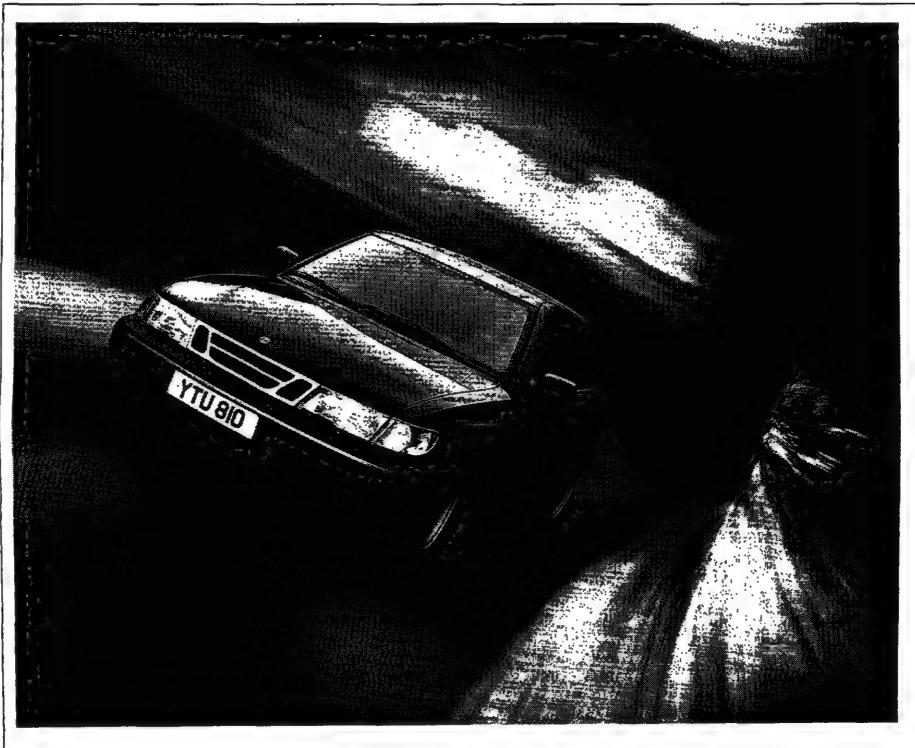
The success of what is known as the "movement" style of democracy, involving a high degree of individual participation in local politics and the banning of parties, as well as the reduction of inflation from 150 per cent in 1986 to 3 per cent last year, have hung more on the personality of the former guerrilla fighter than on his policies.

Mr Museveni, 52, one of a new breed of African leaders along with Ghana's Jerry combine benevolence with his instinctive dictatorial

YOWERI MUSEVENI, the need to win support at the polls over the past decade, he has been able to force Uganda to take prescriptions which would otherwise have been spat out by the electorate. The bitter pills have included large cuts in the Civil Service, returning property confiscat-ed under General Idi Amin's regime to its original Asian owners, and dismissing his brother, a major-general. from his Cabinet for corruption.

Although the recipient of £400 million in International Monetary Fund and World Bank aid each year, Mr Museveni - along with Flight Lieutenant Rawlings - has been outspoken in his criticism of Africa's "beggar mentality". Africa was in a mess because Africans had made a mess of it, he said recently.

Dr Ssemogerere said yester day that he wanted a recount of ballots cast in Kampala and claimed there had been wide spread rigging. But for most Ugandans, the fact that Mr Museveni's "No change" slo-



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Aznar confounds doubters with record number of women in a youthful Cabinet

Señoras take the helm

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vative Prime Min-Aznar has appointed a record men to his Cabinet. Pessimists who had feared that Senor Aznar.

by TUNKU VARADARAJAN

a former tax inspector, would inflict a large dose of grey on his country, need not have lost a The new Spanish Cabinet apart from an ageing Galician

who was once an acolyte of Franco - is awash with zestful male forty-somethings, all armed with degrees in law and diplomas in the sound-bite. But the real stars are the four señoras ministras who are, on average, even better educated than their male counterparts. While Senor Aznar's men are

the usual suspects in a Spanish Cabinet — a motley collection of the plump, the bald, the bearded and the bespectacled — his women are glamorous. And they divide conveniently into the two aesthetic camps that distinguish

the women of Señor Aznar's Popular Party. The first camp, that of the severe Castilian brunette, comprises Loyola de Palacio, the Minister for Agricul-ture and Fisheries, and Margarita Mariscal, the Minister for

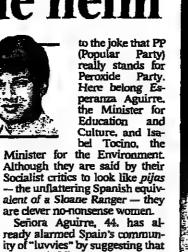
Señora de Palacio, 45, is the more interesting of the two. Alabaster-skinned, aristocratic and unmarried, she is a tough lawyer from the Right of her party. Britain, Ireland and Canada, whose fisheries ministers are likely to see rather a lot of this hard-headed woman, will probably wish that she had stayed behind to run her family's antiques business instead of turning to politics.

The second camp is that of the dyed blonde, which has given rise

No to novel approach

ONE man who will not be working for the Aznar Government is Mario Vargas Llosa. The Peruvian writer, whose presidential hopes were once dashed by presidency of a different sort this

week, but turned it down. Señor Aznar asked him to take charge of the Instituto Cervantes -Spain's equivalent of the British Council — but Señor Vargas Llosa was not tempted. I value my independence," he said.



aspire to a more "masculine" Ministry such as Defence. Señora Tocino, who looks more like a Central European countess than a 47-year-old Spanish mother of six, is probably the most scholarly person in the Cabinet, with a doctorate in nuclear law

state subsidies to stage and cinema would soon come under

review. An unabashed admirer of

Baroness Thatcher, on whom her

friends say she models herself,

Señora Aguirre is believed to

and a professorship in civil law. Hers is a testing task, as Spain has never before had a Ministry of the Environment. Señora Tocino, according to catty sketch-writers in the Spanish press, will have a hard time for another reason: she uses so much hair spray, they say, that her meetings with Greenpeace are likely to centre on the ozone layer.



Isabel Tocino is sworn in as Spain's first Minister of the Environment

Love at first sight ends trip to altar

JUST to prove that the men are no pushovers, one of José Maria Aznar's Cabinet — a deputy Prime Minister, no less - has announced that he will soon marry a woman

half his age. Francisco Alvarez Cascos. Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Cabinet Affairs, is a 48-year-old who is on the verge of a divorce. He met Gemma Ruiz. 24, in February, in the Andaiusian city of

Señorita Ruiz, who is a passionate Popular Party supporter (of the peroxide camp), has since become a fixture in every one of Spain's many revistas de corazón

(gossip magazines).
"It was love at first sight," she gushed in an interview she gave to one of them

It must have been, as Señorita Ruiz was aiready engaged to someone else and had even bought her wedding

dress away." a newspaper columnist wrote recently. again for the Deputy Prime Minister."

Germany reassures Jackson on tax law

FROM REUTER

GERMANY'S strait-laced Finance Minister stepped into the wacky world of Michael Jackson yesterday, appealing to the pop star not to cancel his tour because of a German tax

on foreign entertainers.
Theo Waigel, 57, said a law change already in the pipeline meant Jackson's tax complaint was no longer valid. "Dear Michael Jackson," he wrote. You should rethink your decision to cancel your concerts in Germany. You certainly have no reason to cancel them for tax reasons."

The star said earlier this week that he was pulling out of the tour, due later this year, because a clause in Bonn's fiscal law taxes entertainers who live abroad on all their income, not allowing them to offset production costs. That would be a severe blow for stars such as Jackson, whose sound-and-light extravaganzas cost millions to produce and to transport around the world.

But Herr Waigel said the change to the 1996 tax law, to be backdated to January I, would allow Jackson to pay income tax on the same basis as anyone else. "In this way, your costs will be taken into account," Herr Waigel told Jackson in the open letter, published in the Bild daily.

Jackson's German concert promoter, Fritz Rau, wel-comed Herr Waigel's letter and the planned change.

"A foreign artist must be taxed fairly, just as a German artist would be," Herr Rau told German television, pointing out that Jackson needed three jumbo jets to bring his show from America and 30 lorries to transport it around

"He doesn't want to come with a bargain-basement version of his show." Herr Rau said. "He wants to show his German fans everything he has conceived and everything he and his team have worked on for the new show."

There was no response from Jackson, whose album *Thrill*er is the world's all-time bestseller, with Bad not far behind. But he will have an opportunity to comment today when he visits a theme park near Cologne.

Speaker warns Bossi on secession

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ROMANO PRODI, shortly to become Italy's first Centre-Left Prime Minister since the Second World War, yesterday consolidated his grip on the new parliament with the election of left-wing candidates as peakers of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

The move was greeted by the Italian media as the dawn of "British-style" democracy after decades of fragile "revolving door" coalitions. The new Speaker of the lower house, Luciano Violante, immediately set out the Prodi Government's firm opposition to the Northern League's demand for secession, declaring that the State had the right to use force to prevent its own

State has all means necessary to prevent its own dissolution, from political consensus to the legitimate use of force," Signor Violante said to a standing ovation from MPs. He added: "But that will not be necessary. The different parts of Italy need one another."

Signor Violante, a former Communist, warned Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, that "whoever goes down the road of secession will find an absolutely determined obstacle in this Chamber and this person". Signor Bossi last night dismissed Signor Violante as a fascist. Signor Violante, 54, replaces the League's Irene Pivetti. He is a respected anti-Mafia and "The democratic anti-corruption lawyer,

was only elected Speaker - a powerful post — on the fourth ballot, with the help of the hard-left Communist

In the Senate, where the Centre Left has a clear majority with 167 seats, Signor Prodi at first offered a clear run to the Centre Right opposition in a gesture of goodwill. But when the Right failed to find a suitable candidate, the Centre Left proposed Nicola Mancino, who won with 178

Signor Mancino is a former left-leaning Christian Demo-crat who served as Interior Minister for two years from 1992, and like Signor Violante was active in pursuing Mafia

to stand trial

Paris: Pierre Berge, the for-mer director of the Bastille Opera in Paris, has been ordered to stand trial for manslaughter over the collapse of a stage set in 1992 in which one member of the chorus was killed (Ben

A Paris magistrate ruled on Thursday that M Bergé, president of the Yves Saint should stand trial along with ten other former Opéra officials over the accident.

The opera company was in Seville, rehearsing for a per-formance of Verdi's Otello at Expo' 92, when the set crashed onto the stage, killing a woman and injuring 39 other people. A date for the

Ex-opera chief | Thieves bag bin-liners as Swiss duty calls

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

A NEW form of shoplifting is sweeping through Switzerland, to the dismay of shopkeepers and tax collectors: dustbin bag theft.

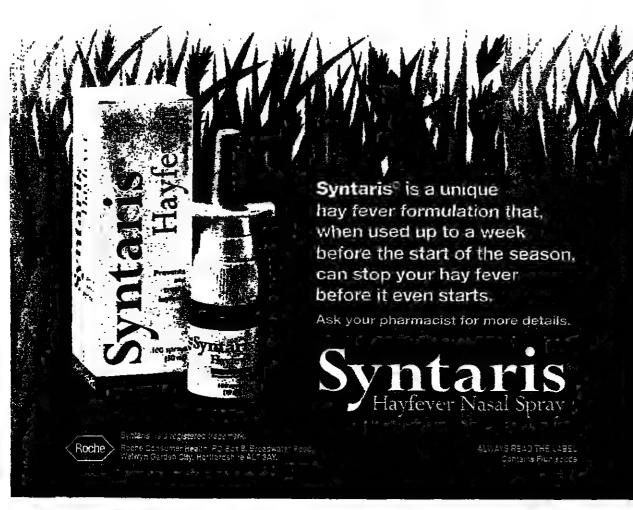
Local authorities on the German-speaking side of the country have inadvertently triggered the trend by levying a tax on rubbish collection. which effectively increases the cost of a binliner by up to 50

Earlier this week, a man was caught trying to leave a supermarket with 21 unpaid rolls of dustbin bags. A snokesman for one supermarket chain said the losses caused by such theft were substantial. The tax was pro- duty.

gressively introduced to try to reduce the amount of rubbish households produce, and to help cover spiralling disposal and recycling costs. Instead of the approved binliner, some councils have opted for a tax sticker, sold at newsagents for about £1.20 each.

Public litter bins in some areas fill up within a day of being emptied; some pensioners, burdened by the tax, indulge in illicit dumping under cover of darkness. The French-speaking Swiss, who have a reputation for being slightly less orderly than the German speakers, are resisting attempts to introduce the

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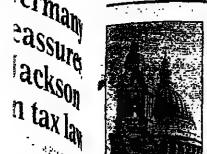
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OPINION

A broad church is one thing ... but an atheist Mass for St Paul's Cathedral?



BASE NOTES

Jacques Chirac will reopen the Institut Français in London after its £3m refurbishment THE



BASE NOTES

Rock star Jon Bon Jovi branches out into the movie business, starring in a romantic comedy



POP

Country superstar k.d. lang wows Wembley Arena but were they there for the songs, or the singer?

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s there no limit to the credulity of the people who now run the Church of England? Is there no gimmick so blatantly unwise. no ghastly lapse of taste so naff. that they cannot be relied upon to endorse it? Is there no strain of atheism so virulent that it cannot be comfortably "accommodated" in current Anglican thought?

Well, possibly there is. But I cannot imagine what it might be. That is distressing not only for the (admittedly now rather diminished) band of faithful who still have hope for the Church of England as a repository of spiritual belief. It is also sad for the much larger number of people who acknowledge the position of Anglicanism as a paramount wellspring of English culture.

The peerless language of the Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible: the magnificent treasury of choral masterpieces; the architectural majesty that lifts the heart in almost every town and village in the land: all this is woven into the fabric of our literature, our name, has nothing to do with

Death of God? No problem with us art, our music. The only place you don't find any appreciation of this priceless heritage, it seems, is in the mind of the modern C of E cleric. Oh. and some of them also

seem to have a small problem of a metaphysical nature, as my little story will illustrate. They don't think that a belief in God matters all that much in their trade. spotted the latest dog-collared debacle while flicking through the brochure for this summer's City of London Festival. On July 3, it tells us. St Paul's Cathedral will be given over to a performance of Frederick Delius's A Mass of Life. Now I have nothing against De-lius's music. If you want to

followed by a rub-down with treacle, Delius is your kind of guy. But A Mass of Life, despite its

experience the aural equivalent of

a bath in strawberry milkshake,

Christianity. Quite the contrary. It is a triumphalist setting of words drawn from Friedrich Nietzsche's Also sprach Zarathustra.

Perhaps those in charge of London's great cathedral need a lesson in who Nietzsche was, what he wrote, and what he came to represent. In which case, Chambers Biographical Dictionary has an excellent summary of this 19thcentury nutter's philosophy. "The characteristic themes are: the vehement repudiation of Christian and liberal ethics, the detestation of democratic ideals, the celebration of the Ubermensch (superman) who can create and impose his own law, and the death of God," Chambers then goes on to remind us how helpful Adolf Hitler and his benchmen found Nietzsche's writing when they came to concoct their own perverted philosophy of a master-race. IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

Actually, I cannot believe that the Anglican authorities don't already know all this. It isn't as if the City of London Festival has been coy about publicising the event. Indeed, the festival bro-

the "almost entirely new musi-

cal" he wrote with Alan

Ayckhourn, is set to open at the Duke of York's Theatre on

July 2. Based on the P.G.

Wodehouse stories, By Jeeves

comes to London from Scar-

borough where the acclaimed

production recently opened

the new Stephen Joseph The-atre. It is directed by

Ayckbourn and stars Steven

Malcolm Sinclair as Jeeves.

THE French President,

Jacques Chirac, will officially

reopen the Institut Français,

the focus of French cultural

diplomacy in London, during

his state visit to Britain next

week. The institute, which

boasts Peter Brook, Dirk

Bogarde and Isabelle Hup-

pert among its patrons, has

just been renovated, at a cost of more than £3 million. Its

enhanced facilities include a

multimedia library, a cinema

and a language centre. Chirac

acey as Bertie Wooster and

of Life "pours scorn on the central concepts of Christianity".

And this is the message that is being allowed to resound round Wren's great dome? I have heard of a "broad church", but this is ridiculous. The cathedral's Dean and Chapter must be spineless or inept - or gripped by some manic, suicidal obsession with being "fair to all viewpoints". Whatever the reason. I fear it is another sign that the dear old C of E is not long destined for this world. RIP.

nd now for our annual Cannes Film Festival Silly Posters Test. Yes, other journalists pound the Croisette to bring you hot news of mega-deals and hot photos of mega-bosoms. This column brings you . . . a daft

competition. How do you enter? First, study

absolutely genuine slogans taken from posters advertising forthcoming films at this year's festival.

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leads to obsession, and passion leads to madness."

. and the A23 leads to Brighton, but let's not give away the climax of the film.

Anyway, this is what you do, Without knowing the titles or stories of the films, you must

maculate lawn of your Beverly Hills mansion to your next-door In the heat of the jungle, desire neighbours. Obviously there is just a faint possibility that the producers will

consider our plots inferior to the ones they already have, in which case you will have wasted an awful lot of time in a moronic and pointless exercise. But then, isn't that what the Cannes Film Festival is all about?

Ingénue no longer

coming out some years ago has only served to enhance her proof that some level of enlightenment exists in the music industry. But, for all her songs about liberation, as much as she encouraged her audience to release their sexuality and be who they really are, one came away from Wembley quite confused about the real lang.

Her three shows at the Arena, and two earlier ones in Birmingham, were played intentionally in reduced-capacity halls. While this went some way towards producing the desired intimate ambience, one wondered why she did not choose more modest venues in the first place. Except for the odd glance over her shoulder her salad days as a cowpunk, lang's refined and urbane contemporary style is not at home in an arena, even a squashed one. She made her appearance

silhouetted behind a red curtain, which parted to reveal a similarly draped stage resem-bling a Twin Peaks dream sequence. Lang eased into Sexuality, the first selection from her current album, All You Can Eat. Two tunes in, she was welcoming us to this convention for the unconventional" in the first of a series of

k.d. lang Wembley Arena

monologues that walked a thin line between self-parody

Charitably, one would say that the exaggerated swagger of her stage demeanour is an ironic exercise in poking fun at the icon she has become, and perhaps it would be churlish to level a charge of selfsatisfaction at someone who picks up a baton and starts "conducting" her band while bubbles blow across the stage.

But many of the evening's best moments came via tracks originally recorded in the days before she had to check her songs for politically correct lifestyle statements. "I was a country singer in a former life," she said, diving into a nice, cool version of *Rose* Garden and reviving her own Trail of Broken Hearts and Lock, Stock and Teardrops.

Two jacket changes later. she closed to great acclaim with her breakthrough songs Miss Chatelaine and Constant Craving and said a thank you that, this time. sounded like the real k.d.



k.d. lang, country singer turned sexual icon, at her Wembley Arena "convention for the unconventional"

ANOTHER Andrew Lloyd BASE NOTES Webber musical is heading for the West End. By Jeeves,

•THE latest rock star to make the transition to acting is America's Jon Bon Jovi. His first film role is in the romantic comedy Moonlight and Valentino, due for release in Britain in July. In it he plays a handyman who incites rivalry among characters played by the likes of Kathleen Turner, Whoopi Goldberg and Elizabeth Perkins. Meanwhile, the energetic Bon Jovi has already completed work on a second movie, The Leading Man, in London. Lambert Wilson, Patricia Hodge, Harriet Walter and Barry Humphries are among his costars on that one.

• The actor Richard E. Grant has joined the swelling ranks of thespians committing themselves to print. Picador has published With Nails, a diary of his film career that, as its title suggests, begins ten years ago with Withnail and I, and takes in such commercially and artistically variable projects as Pret-a-Porter, Killing Dad and Hudson Hawk.

• Gene Wilder will inherit Nathan Lane's Broadway role when the Neil Simon comedy Laughter on the 23rd Floor comes to the West End this autumn. The play, set in New York and centred around the

early days of television, could start something of a mini-Simon season in London: Rob Bettinson and Paul Elliott, the director and producer of the musical Buddy, are considering a West End run in 1997 of a revised version of Simon's flop Broadway musical, The Goodbye Girl. Gary Wilmot has been mentioned to star.

 PLAYWRIGHT Caryl Churchill and director Max Stafford-Clark will reunite next spring for two linked but separate one-act plays, Blue Kettle and Heart's Desire, to be produced by Stafford-Clark's Out of Joint touring company. He last worked with Churchill on her Ice Cream at the Royal Court in 1989.

Over the top, but quite bewitching

Tchaikovsky and the leastknown of his mature operas. It has seldom been performed outside Russia, and tends to be written off even by the composer's admirers.

Enormously demanding vocally, orchestrally and visually, it was a tough nut for New Sussex Opera to crack at the Brighton Festival on Thursday, but a rewarding one. It would be an exaggeration to say that a lost masterpiece has been restored, but The Enchantress was revealed as much more than just a lost

Kuma, the lady of the title, is a suburban innkeeper, a sort of Russian Carmen or Lulu who exerts an irresistible. essentially innocent sexual al-lure. Tchaikovsky presents her as a wholesome force of nature in music that is lyrical. light and airy.

At the urgings of the church, the local ruler, Prince Nikita. comes to close down her inn as a hotbed of immorality, and predictably falls under her spell. His proud wife is disconsolate, and his son Prince Yuri plans to murder Kuma to save his family. But he too is enthralled by her - she has always secretly been in love with him - and they plan to

This is all standard operatic material, but the last act goes completely haywire. The Princess enlists the aid of a magician and poisons Kuma with spiked holy water. Nikita hears of the elopement, stabs his son in a fit of jealousy and goes mad. The Princess commits suicide. The magician

cackles with laughter. This wildly melodramatic

The Enchantress The Dome, Brighton

dimax has been held responsible for the opera's failure, but in the theatre emerges as its very raison d'être: the music builds up a head of uncontainable dramatic steam, anticipating the creepy obsessiveness of The Queen of Spades. It left the audience breathless.

The producer, designer and translator John Lloyd Davies boldly set the piece in 19thcentury costume, which occasionally endangered suspension of disbelief, and one or two tricksy effects mercifully failed to compromise strong narra-

The conductor David Angus kept his enthusiastic choral and orchestral forces under fair control, and ensured that most of the words were

Virginia Kerr's radiant presence, sturdy tone and natural musicianship made her ideal for the title role, and Andrew Slater projected Nikita's agonies with admirable clarity. For the Princess and Yuri you need a characteristically cast-iron Russian mezzo and tenor, but Philippa Dames-Longworth and Doyle Wilcox coped more than hon-

Gerard O'Connor doubled church deacon and magician sonorously, and the many smaller roles were done with a will. There are two further performances, in Brighton tonight and at Aldeburgh next

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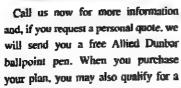




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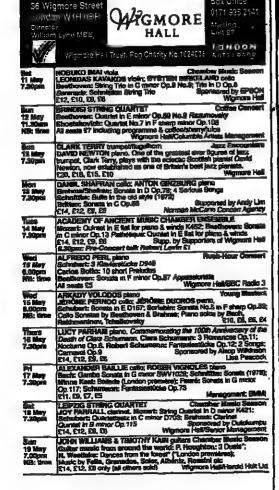
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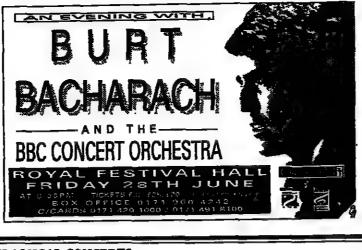
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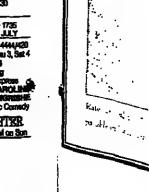
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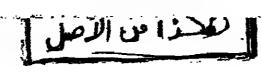
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BROADWAY THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on the lows of Rent and the highs of titanic tap

Honest poor spoilt by money

Rent at the Nederlander, an antique farly burst. Water swirled through the streets and flooded the subways, bringing chaos to midtown Manhattan. The show went ahead, which makes it all the sadder that I am duty-bound to pour cold water of another sort on it.

Maybe Rent has become the victim of its own mystique and the hype and high expecta-tions that have followed it. Jonathan Larson, its gifted creator, died of a heart attack just before its off-off-Broadway opening, an appeal to the sympathy vote of Potter-sized proportions. Who would not strive to admire the composerlibretist's transposition of La Boheme to New York? And admire it everyone duly did, to the extent of presenting Larson with a posthumous Pulitzer Prize and a transfer uptown. The show was acclaimed as a Lower Depths of the Lower East Side, a Hair for the MTV generation, Puccini deromanticised for the glum 1990s.

But invoking Hair is an ambiguous compliment. Aids, poverty and landlordism menace the druggies and dropouts of Rent in much the way Vietnam menaced the hippies in the 1960s show. But sentimentality and slack writing also rule, as they did in Hair. Although I admired the angry counter-carols of Larson's phalanx of street people - "no safety net, no loose change, no room at the Holiday Inn" - I found his handling of the principals mawkish and, at times, manipulative.

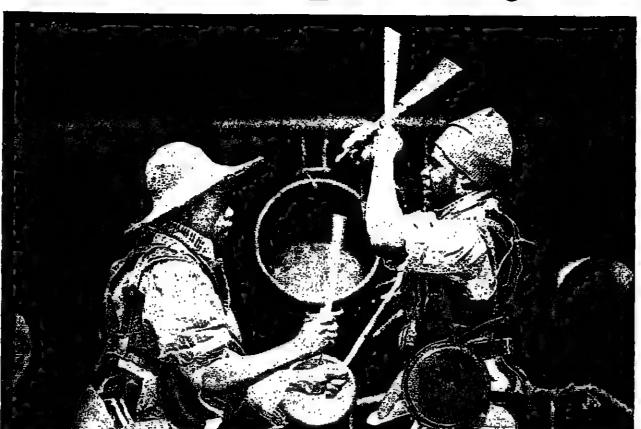
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Raymond King and Jared Crawford in the brilliant tap extravaganza Bring in da Noise, Bring in da Funk

The rock musician Roger, as Puccini's bohemian artist has become, seems dull and selfpitying. Never did I believe he loved the S&M dancer Mimi as intensely as he declares in a "death" scene that ends, inexplicably, with her recovery. Still less could I credit the notion that the gamin transvestite Angel, who really does die, embodies the myriad upbeat virtues claimed for him.

Larson's ode to the low life comes across as a robustly sung piece of cult slumming or poorhouse chic. I have always had a soft spot for tap, believing it the ideal antidote to despair, hatred and the negative emotions. If Othello had only had the right Perhaps the show's attempt shoes, he could have hopped and clicked Desdemona out of BARCLAYS Stage his system, and both he and the Maly Drama Theatre

she would have survived. But Bring in da Noise. Bring in da Funk (Ambassador) makes it clear that this is a richer than I had ever guessed. Tap comprises just about every feeling, from happiness to rage to despair and beyond.

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of-millennium America meant

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where Rent originated. At a

posh Broadway address,

If you are a scholar, you will find George Wolfe's look at black history, which begins

with slave ships and ends by celebrating the diversity of the race, a skimpy, selective affair. But that misses the point. Actually, Wolfe's dancers and drummers are using slices of history to demonstrate the persistence of a pulse, a beat, that links the African with the Afro-American and is a key to the identity of each.

ere, tap expresses the fury of rioters. the grim discipline of factory workers, the terror of a lynched man, dancing on the end of a rope. Bland hoofers in evening dress glide briefly in, as does a comic Uncle Tom, but only to emphasise tap's variety.

you see hanging around mod-ern New York, 19th-century migrants en route to the north, a slick businessman who canthe rhythm of buskers, even a Colin Powell clone.

All the cast are superb, but Savion Glover, already being described as the best tapper ever, is extraordinary. With him. tap is not a matter of chirruping heels-and-toes, but of whole feet hammering, skimming, whispering as he exudes joy. defiance, urban ennui, anything. The best new arrivals in

New York seem to be Afro-American. Certainly, August Wilson's Seven Guitars, at the Walter Kerr, is an enjoyable addition to the exemplary snippets of black lore to be found in such plays as Two Trains Running and Fences. In the past, his work's significance has sometimes got the better of its artistry, and dull. But the fault here is the opposite: a plot that gets loprided and chaotic, especially in

the second half. But the chaos and even the lopsidedness come from Wilson's overriding commitment,

of back-porch Pittsburgh in 1948. All his characters are abundantly alive, from the hopeful musician without the money to get to Chicago to the women and shady friends around him.

You feel the resignation and rebelliousness of blacks living at a time when loafing around town could land them in jail. You also see the impotent swagger of the young men, the strength of the women and an unforgettable vignette from Roger Robinson — the burning resentment of an ancient Jamaican obsessed with the injustices of a white world.

'ilson's moody far more than anything yet composed by Jon Robin Baitz, although there is quality enough in Fair Country (Mitzi Newhouse) to show why his star is rising. Like Three Hotels, which involved the dumping of milk powder on Third World babies, his new play is about America abroad. This time, the central character is, or should be, a diplomat who slips the CIA secrets about South African dissidents he has learnt from his radical-journalist son.

But has the casting of Judith Ivey as his wife unbalanced the evening? A decent enough play would surely be stronger. deeper, if Baitz had spent more time exploring a soul in moral turmoil rather than recording the not-unpredictable hysteria and anger of his not-so-inter-

esting family.
Finally, the Shire-Maltby
musical Big (Shubert) is a mildly diverting adaptation of the movie in which Tom Hanks played a 13-year-old magicked into an adult body. Might a more physically and emotionally inventive actor than Daniel Jenkins extract more comedy from confusions tasteful brushes with the sensuous, vulnerable woman who unaccountably fancies him? Yes, but the compensations, it such they be, include frenetically dancing pre-teens and

trol of rhythm to make every tune a fresh experience. For all

- GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

WILLIAM MANNERING

Age: 18

Profession: Actor

Present role: As the warmly acclaimed Prince in Divine Right at the Birmingham Rep. Peter Whelan's play is set in the near future with the semi-fictional Royal Family facing a new republi-can spirit. Previously Mannering was Simon, the hero of the BBC serial Black Hearts in Battersea.

Appearance: Angelic. Very young. Virtually weightless at only 74 stone.



Manner: Happy, chatty with natural assurance. Off duty, apparently a little naughtier than he looks.

On the Prince: "He is multi-dimensional, naive but also hugely intelligent and inquisitive. I'm enjoying playing him."

Curriculum vitae: Mannering, a distant relative of Isadora Duncan, grew up in Oxford. He was talent-spotted at 12 at the Dragon School in Oxford in his first play, HMS Pinafore. The drama school Italia Conti instantly offered him a place. At 13, he was in the movies as the child genius in the sci-fi saga Jackpot, then the West End in The Winslow Boy.

Coming soon: He is Kit in Disney's The Old Curiosity Shop and the young Alan Turing, the decipherer of the Enigma codes in the BBC film Breaking the Code.

Any problems being professional so young? Mannering is still squeezing in an education between jobs. "All the funds I accumulate are chucked at tutors," he says. "Then I'm always filming when the exams come round.

Ambitions: "I'd like to play Viola in Twelfth Night and her twin Sebastian, and fly a helicopter." Mannering also has a masterplan to direct films.

Why does he act? "There's a moment when you're doing a scene - it may only last two seconds - when nothing else invades you and you are someone else."

KATE BASSETT

ALTHOUGH Julia Krasko showed no surprise, the audi-ence in Symphony Hall had surely never before seen a concerto performance greeted by the leader of the orchestra rising to his feet, falling elegantly to one knee and hum-bly kissing the hand of the soloist, It was an extravagant gesture - Krasko's perfor-mance of Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto was far from regal — but it was also endearing and it did confirm something already apparent about the character of the orchestra

For the Russian State Philharmonic, its present tour of Britain is clearly not a grim routine. Unlike most other

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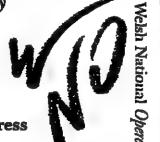
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touring ensembles, it repertoire vary its programmes from place to place and to keep its reactions fresh. The Birmingham performance of Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances was the third in five days, but there are only two more to come in the remaining two weeks. It is unlikely, moreover, that Vale-ry Poliansky's attitude to this seductive score will be the same on any two occasions.

He is a conductor who likes to give himself space for the lyrical impulse. So, while these were not the crisp, bright and somewhat relentless Sym*phonic Dances* we are used to, they were spontaneously and affectionately, if slightly indul-gently, presented. Tchaikovsky's Second Symphony in C Minor presents different problems. It is a symphony of repetitions and Poliansky and the RSPO approached the work cheerfully enough, celebrated the Ukrai-nian material idiomatically enough and imposed a sur-prisingly solid structure on Tchaikovsky's not very secure foundations. But it is a score which needs a Rozhdestvensky, a conductor with the wit, imagination and precise con-

his other qualities. Poliansky is not that kind of conductor. GERALD LARNER 50th Anniversary



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Tucked away off the Strand, unnoticed by most tourists and indeed virtually unknown to Londoners, one of the masterpieces of British 18th-century architecture sits neglected, its superb courtyard reduced to the status of a Civil Service car park. Somerset House, begun in 1776. rose in a rare moment of architectural indulgence on the part of the British Government. It rivals anything built in Paris under the Bourbons. But it has slipped almost entirely from the public's con-sciousness. With the future of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich assured after the debacle of its proposed sale, it is surely time to reclaim Somerset House.

Given British government's parsimonious record of architectural patronage, it seems remarkable that a building of the scale and lavishness of Somerset House should ever have been built. What is astonishing is that it was designed for civil servants. From the Strand. Somerset House looks

London's unknown palace world that London was the capital

like an imposing Italian palazzo, impressive but not particularly exciting. Only those who have braved the guards at the gate will have discovered that beyond it lies a spreading courtyard dripping with architectural excess. Columns, pilasters, rustication, urns and balusters - except at Greenwich, there is not another 18th-century building in the country to rival it.

Plans for a classical palace in London had obsessed architects and connoisseurs since Charles I commissioned ideas from Inigo Jones in the 1630s, but no monarch ever had the resources to carry them out. It was only in the 1770s that the British Government, flushed with the stupendous successes of the Seven Years' War, decided to build a palace that of the most successful country in Europe. But instead of a royal palace, it chose to create a palace of government, together with fine rooms for the Royal Academy and various learned societies

The country's most distinguished architect, Sir William Chambers. was commissioned to draw up the designs. Indeed, he abandoned his successful private career to create what he knew would be one of the most important buildings of the century. The result was a masterpiece, combining practical office space with refined architecture and the occasional tour de force. Even today the Navy Staircase makes one catch one's breath, while the river terrace, neglected and inaccessible though it is, still provides one of the finest views in London.



Today the proud ambition that spawned Somerset House has been forgotten. Despite the arrival ten days ago of the Courtauld Institute Galleries, few people venture into the car-choked courtyard, while the rest of the building, occupied by the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Inland Revenue, is inaccessible. with whole ranges lying empty.
For the past 15 years, the future of
Somerset House has been an issue

rumbling round the Government. For at least the past five years, an impressive sounding committee has sat trying to think up grand solutions to the problem. In all that time, nothing concrete has emerged. Now the precedent of Greenwich shows the way forward.

As at Greenwich, the answer lies in setting up a trust to manage the building and in not being too ambitious in finding new uses. Most of the interiors at Somerset House are not particularly impressive. They were built as govern-ment offices and could happily remain so. With the Courtauld

Institute occupying the fine rooms of the Strand block, the key spaces in Somerset House are the courtyard, the south block facing the river, and the terrace beyond.

The first step lies in persuad-ing the Inland Revenue and Lord Chancellor's Department to remove their cars and take the guards off the gates. Then pedestrians could be encouraged to enjoy the courtyard, walk through to the terrace and down to the

The riverfront could then be opened to the public. The Navy Staircase certainly deserves to be made accessible, as do the remarkable Piranesian vaults below. Most of these are now empty, the rest house wills and birth certificates which could happily be moved

elsewhere. It may be that the Courtauld Galleries could take over part of the river range. Or it could be used to house some other collection, such as the drawings of the Royal Institute of British

But all this will only work if a suitably high-powered — and endowed — trust is set up to own the head lease of the building, which would then encourage and control its use. The lottery could easily

afford to fund such a trust. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of Sir William Chambers and will see a major exhibition on his work held in the Courtauld Institute Galleries. What could be more appropriate than that this year should also see his masterpiece returned to the central place it once held in the nation's consciousness? London's great classical palace deserves to be returned to Londoners.

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Restoring the Renaissance

The Vatican's renovation of its

frescoes has been wholly vindicated

ace upon a time the chief honour a Roman host could confer on a visitor was a private audience with the Pope. Not any more. Today it is a private view of the Signing Characteristics. Sistine Chapel. It is unlocked for a privileged few at breakfast time before being filled with a human torrent, shouting and elbowing its way in one door and out the other as the Vatican garners its modern Peter's Pence.

This month a new glory is revealed, Raphael's restored School of Athens in the apartments of Julius II above. For the first time, the rival masterpieces of the Renaissance have been brought out from the valley of the shadow of dirt. Frescoes that millions of exhausted tourists have found dark and forbidding have had colour and freshness restored to them. They are once more in the light of the world.

Popular stories of the rivalry of Raphael and Michelangelo grant the palm to the latter. Banished by the irascible Julius to his dingy

chapel, Michelangelo emerged four underdog triumphant, as Mozart amid a bunch of Salieris. His is the work that 20,000 tourists a day come to see, if not to comprehend. His ceiling has

this year been restored Last Judgment. Generations of human sweat and grime are also being stripped from Botticelli's and Ghirlandaio's Sistine wall frescoes. The Sistine becomes each day an ever more astonishing treasury. And upstairs in the apartments. Raphael's reply is emerging in similar splendour. The old rivalry is taking on a new vitality. What Lord Clark called one of the great events in the history of Western man" is emerg-

ing from the gloom.
The School of Athens faces the Disputa in the central of the three reception rooms. It celebrates reasoned truth as opposed to the Disputa's revealed truth, science as opposed to religion, the world of the Ancients against that of the Popes. Informal groups stand in discussion on the steps of a temple. Aristotle and Plato are at the focus of the eye, beneath a canopy. Round them are Pythagoras and Euclid, Socrates and Alcibiades, Diogenes and Ptolemy. The onlookers include Perugino and Raphael himself. To modern Americans they may typify dead, white, European males. To the Renaissance they were the breath of reason blowing

out of the ancient East. In the foreground is mystery, a man lost in thought. His seat and his desk float across the scene, out of line with the perspective. He is absent from the original cartoon and study has shown that he was inserted on new fresco after the completion of the main work. He wears 16th-century, not classical costume. A romantic fantasy sug-gests that Raphael repented his antagonism to Michelangelo and portraved him here among the greats. Experts disagree.

Restoration has restored spirit to these characters. Dull colours have not been brightened - this is fresco not oil painting — but they have acquired depth. They have been given back their third dimension. Garments have recovered their movement, faces their expression. Restoration has also yielded surprises. When the curator Arnold Nesselrath's staff cleaned the temple wall they discovered, embedded in the fresco, the imprint of a hand. It seemed that the artist or his assistant suddenly steadied himself against the wet plaster to avoid an accident on the scaffold. Whether or not the hand is Raphael's, the discovery brought artist and restorer into sudden communion. The hand appears above Plato's pointing finger, a symbolic if fortuitous

> ance of the Sistine cleaning is a precedent, carping Britons and politically correct Americans will dismiss Nesselrath's work as commercialised vandalism. (It is

paid for by the Japanese in return for reproduction rights.) A group called Artwatch, run by the American critic James Beck, four years ago accused the Vatican of ruining Michelangelo's ceiling. Dedicated to Burckhardt's thesis that "old pictures should be left in peace to grow old gracefully", it will pre-sumably leap to defend the gloom of age on the face of Raphael. I must offer balancing hyperbole. I believe the Vatican restorations rank with the unearthing of Pompeil and the rediscovery of Mozart's operas as triumphs of artistic excavation.

Restoration should be controversial. Controversy is the best defence against incautious restoration, which has undoubtedly been destructive in the past. The monks of Milan allowed a con-artist virtually to wreck Leonardo's Last Supper. Raphael's Munich Madonna and his Fontainebleau St Michael have been restored and retouched so often as to be best described as "after Raphael". Titian retouched the Mantegna now at Hampton Court. Sebastiano del Piombo worked over Raphael's frescoes at the Vatican after the sack of Rome. In her lively defence of art against interventionist restorers, Sarah Walden (herself a distinguished restorer) ten years ago pleaded that the "neutrality of science is a myth ... anything we do to a work of art that we have inherited will be in



A detail of Raphael's School of Athens, the figure in the foreground is reputed to be Michelangelo

This is true of all conservation. Its antithesis is to leave the inheritance of the past to decay before our eyes. But there is a difference between cleaning and irreversible damage. Some critics plainly prefer dirty pictures. They like the patina, the cracking and yellowing of age. That is an aesthetic choice. Here, however, we are dealing with frescoes that are not varnished but simply dirty. It is as absurd to plead for them to remain that way as to protest at the cleaning of an old building or the dusting of a

statue for fear of wear. It is no less ridiculous to protest that because past generations have gone too far in restoring works of art, we should not touch them, but rather leave scholars to capture in their mind's eye the marvels of a departing art. James Cameron once pleaded for Venice to be left alone. He was content, he said, to be the

last to see its glory before it sank into the Adriadc.

Such neglect of custodial duty is an "intervention" no less drastic than that of the restorer. If works of art are an inheritance, we have an obligation to look after them. Public museums are expected to ensure access to art, and that means keeping it clean. Allowing pictures to vanish behind a wall of dirt is like an archaeologist digging up a statue and then reburying it in a museum vault (as some still do).

odern art restoration. as I understand it, is a craftsmanship of respect. The recent BBC film on the National Gallery's cleaning of Holbein's The Ambassadors was a study in humility. To protest that this recreates the picture "in our own image" is facile. has been cleaned and our

enjoyment of Holbein is enhanced thereby. A painting is more than an archaeological object. It is a message. To leave it dirty, let alone to leave it to decay, is like confining the ceremonies of a church to mystics chanting Latin behind

chancel screens.

The Vatican frescoes had been pushed by time behind a veil of obscurity. Leaving the veil in place may suit those eager to remain as privileged interpreters of what cannot clearly be seen. It does no service to the artist or those clamouring to understand him. The artists of the Renaissance were radical. Deriding the conservatives with their rules and measuring instruments, Michelangelo declared: "We must have compasses in the eyes, not in the hand; the hands work, but the eyes judge." At the Vatican the hand has worked and the eye is pleased.

Tessa Keswick offers a radical Tory programme - and admits mistakes

Only the Right can fight back

Our policies

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their seats, and the chances of the Tory party winning the election seem to recede even farther. At the same time the Conservarives, and in particular the more intellectually productive right wing of the party, are accused by commentators of having run out of ideological steam. They have, we are told, retreated into the role of a single-issue party whose hostility to Europe has become its entire raison d'être. Nothing could be

farther from the truth. Back in 1979, when Margaret Thatcher came to power, her programme appeared impossibly radical. Today the radical programme that she pushed through, with free markets at its heart, has become the new orthodoxy.

Having spent much of the past ten years involved in the Government at the Departments of Health and Education, the Home Office and finally the Treasury, I believe that part of what we have tried to achieve has been undermined by the structure of government. The present combination of Westminster and White-

Once new legislation has passed through Parliament, ministers hand over its implementation to their civil servants. Take, for example, the recent Pensions Bill. Civii servants have nov drawn up, not guidance,

hall does not work.

but 1,000 pages of regulation, flying in the face of the Government's determination to deregulate. This is not the fault of the officials concerned, or of ministers. It has long been the proud tradition of the British Civil Service to do everything that it is given to do as thoroughly as possible. We should try not to uproot this tradition, but greatly to temper it.

Yet ministers do not have time to supervise the activities of their civil servants. They must trust officials to implement the spirit of their proposals, yet all too often they are disappointed.

So I have three suggestions. First, the country needs less legislation. It must be made clear to ministers that the number of Bills they sponsor in a parliamentary session is no longer a measure of political

Secondly, ministers should be equipped with a proper cabinet of personally appointed support staff. on the continental model. This would have two effects. It would the current creeping politicisation of the Civil Service, as ministers fight to take their closest officials with them when they switch departments. And it would put in place a structure that could guide the civil servants in the department to ensure that the minister's original political intenlegislation.

Finally, more use must be made of the House of Commons. Britain has more than 600 MPs. Most are bright, committed, determined and underused. The select committee system, a Conservative innovation. has helped to involve them in the scrutiny of legislation. But new ways must be found to harness this resource, and MPs must be paid sufficiently well to ensure that the quality of new entrants into Parliament remains high.

There are also a number of key issues on which the Government can make a difference. These can be loosely divided between those areas where it needs to build on Conservative ideas which have worked, and those where Tory policies — for

whatever reason — have failed.
The "more-of-the-same" group includes privatisation. This has worked wonders on moribund public services, but there is more to do. The Government must privatise the Post Office and the Crown Estates, sell surplus MoD land and

float the Commonwealth Development Corporation — a £1.5 billion venture capital fund on the stock market. Next, the Government

must build on one of the great successes of the past 17 years and further extend choice in the pubile services. It snould pi in place a system of

education vouchers, not just in nursery education but across the public and private sectors. And it should consider introducing vouchers to the NHS.

But there are also areas where the Conservatives have failed and must re-examine their approach. Family policy is one of these failures. Today politicians of every political hue agree that the family is the basic moral building-block. But far from encouraging the family. Conservative policies have exacerbated the trend towards family breakdown which was already latent in our society. Tax and benefits must be looked at again, to ensure that those who choose to live in traditional families - husband, wife and children — are not penalised for making this choice. And the current raft of divorce egislation must be stopped,

There is so much more to do, and 4 only the Right has a set of principles from which it is developing a comprehensive programme for action.

Our political house is built on the firm foundations laid down by successive Conservative thinkers since the 19th century. Tony Blair must wish that he could lay claim to a similar pedigree.

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Tories roar

our own image".

SCOTLAND'S Tories, tired of association with their Sassenach colleagues, have undergone an image change. Gone is the torch, the national Conservative symbol since 1989. In its place is a butch lion rampant.

People perceive us to be an English party," says Jackson Carlaw, vice-chairman of the Scot-tish Tories, "which is irritating because of our history. We need to confound that perception." For Conservative high-ups, it is a

question of whatever it takes for the Tories in Scotland, who hold a

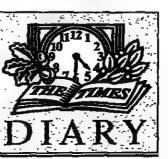


Dousing the torch for the Scottish lion rampant

mere ten parliamentary seats out of 72. "I hope this rampant lion gives them something to aspire to," said Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former Conservative Party treasurer, from his Paris hotel. Lord Blake, the party historian, could "quite understand their decision".

Not all Scots, however, are happy with the Conservatives' appropriation of the lion. "Rather then helping the Scottish Tories," said Mike Russell, chief executive of the Scottish National Party, "the Tories' new logo is likely to give the poor Scottish lion an image probem north of the border."

■BLAME for the collapse of South Africa's coalition Government can be laid squarely at the door of Hello! magazine and its notorious curse. This week the magazine published "a rare and poignant interview with Nelson Mandela on the second anniversary of his election as President". The next thing, F.W. de Klerk promptly



pulls his National Party out of its alliance with Mandela's ANC.

Dogs of war

BRITISH forces in Bosnia have a new role besides peacekeeping: dog-minding. Since the fighting ended, the country has been over run with stray dogs. "Many lie dead at the sides of the road," reports Staff Sergeant Anne Cum-mins from Lamislarvgrad, in next month's Dogs Today magazine.
They have no veterinary care, no food or shelter." Enter Tommy

"Officially, this sort of thing is

not encouraged," says Major Tony Duncan, an army press spokes-man based in Split. "But if it does happen, then a proper vet is brought in, and the animal is officially registered." Some soft-hearted serving soldiers are even raising funds to bring the animals back through quarantine.

Own goal

PANDEMONIUM gripped Thursday night's Football Writers' Awards in London as a briefcase belonging to Alex Ferguson. Manchester United's manager, went missing. Inside were his plans for this afternoon's FA Cup Final, the footballing equivalent of nuclear

Having seen one of his players, Eric Cantona, take the best player prize, Ferguson rose to find his bag gone. With his broad Glaswegian brogue bellowing out, staff at the Royal Lancaster Hotel were divided into search parties. After a sweaty half-hour, the bag was found in one of the bedrooms, having been placed there for safekeep-ing by an over-attentive bellboy.

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• FIRST there was Caesar in his Gallic Wars, then Bob Dole, the likely Republican candidate for the American presidency; now the latest recruit to the grand manner of third-person-speak is Lennox Lewis, the boxer. Dole has been ridiculed for ending his campaign speeches with the third-person



"I wouldn't normally ask, but I couldn't stand Manchester winning today too'

more preposterous interviewed on Radio 4s Today programme yester-day about his world title fight. "I think Lennox Lewis has learnt his lesson once," said the boxer, "It'll be a good fight for Lennax Lewis."

Liverish Lilley

summary: "That's what Bob Dole is

all about." Lewis sounded even

PETER LILLEY, the Social Security Secretary, has always tended to keep his waspish humour well hidden in public. Until now. In a morning speech to the Scottish Conservative Conference he jumpstarted his audience by casting aspersions on the love life of Andrew Neil, the former Editor of The Sun-

Teasing Labour for its interest in the political systems of Singapore and Australia, he said: They've dallied with as many seductive models as Andrew Neil, and their commitment lasts just as long." The dour Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, gawped like an angry trout. His colleagues still looked blurry after a party hosted the night before by Tesco, source



Andrew Neil and friend

of Dame Shirley Porter's fortune. From his French holiday home, Neil sounded in charitable mood. "I'm quite humbled," he said. "It is an accolade to be mentioned by a Secretary of State at a Scottish conference, but I'm intrigued that he presumes to know so much about my private life."

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RESTLESS NATION

Scepticism towards Scottish devolution seems to be growing

Stands Scotland where it did? New evidence suggests there has been a shift in the mood of a restless nation. The Scottish Conservatives whom the Prime Minister addresses today may command the support of less than a fifth of Scots, and the constitutional status quo which the Tories champion may have the unequivocal backing of scarcely more, but the cracks are showing in support for the alternatives. There may still be an appetite for greater autonomy in Scotland but there is also a keener, and proper, scepticism about schemes of improvement so far advanced. It is a delicate task balancing the Scots' desire for self-government with the wish of the majority to keep the Kingdom united, and opposition parties do not yet have convincing answers.

The Scottish Conservatives are in surprisingly good heart for a party that stands at 18 per cent in the polls. The Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, has been vigorous and imaginative. An activist agenda of proposed devolution of powers to local councils, improved parliamentary scrutiny of Scottish affairs, radical land reform, campaigns against drugs and defence of his budget has been designed to show Scots that their country benefits from the Union as it stands. As well as showing how the current system can respond to Scots' needs Mr Forsyth has led a campaign against Labour's proposals for an assembly, and, in particular, the powers such a parliament would have to raise a "tartan tax".

The campaign, according to polling by Gallup, appears to have had an effect. Support for both full independence, the policy of the Scottish National Party, and a devolved parliament within the UK, which is the policy of Labour and the Liberal Democrats, has dropped. The numbers who are uncertain or support the status quo have grown. When the tax-raising powers of an assembly are brought to the voters' attention, support for change drops further, with 24 per cent favouring independence, 32 per cent devolution, 29 per cent the status quo and 15 per cent uncertain. Polls are a far from sure guide to public opinion, but they are at their best detecting trends. The figures do suggest that, while a majority of Scots want change, the numbers are falling.

There is reason to believe that, with greater scrutiny, support for Labour's current devolution plans will diminish further. Labour plans a parliament that will have the power to raise or lower income tax by threepence in the pound but promises not to use the power. If it does not want to use the power, why have it? Labour argues that, even with an extra tier of government in Edinburgh, the Westminster block grant and number of Scots MPs would remain the same. Tell that to the English and Welsh. And still the West Lothian question would remain unanswered - Scots Labour MPs could vote on legislation for Tory constituencies in England, but no Westminster MP could legislate on Scottish matters. Even Liberal Democrats recognise that more power for Scots in Edinburgh must mean less at Westminster. Pressure would grow for Scotland to have less money, fewer MPs.

That may be a bargain Scots are willing to accept. The desire for autonomy is real, and should be addressed. The Conservatives cannot ignore it. But Labour cannot assume it will translate into automatic support for their proposals. Some Scots will vote Labour at the next general election because they want to see Tony Blair at Westminster and hope that that will be change enough. Significant constitutional change of the kind Labour proposes cannot have legitimacy unless underwritten by a referendum. When a weaker devolution scheme was advanced in the Seventies it was accompanied by a referendum. Labour MPs claim to support the sovereignty of the Scottish people. If they have faith in their own proposals, they should feel no fear.

INDIAN JIGSAW

Better a left coalition than Hindu militants and a nuclear bomb

The arithmetic of India's general election is now clear, revealing a country thoroughly out of love with the Congress Party which has ruled for all but four of the past 49 years. India's voters pulled in many directions, but they were decisive about what they do not like. The Congress Party has been well punished for its corruption, quarrels, indecisive leadership and for the perceived failure of transform the lives of the rural poor. In its worst humiliation since Independence, the party has been reduced to a rump, by its standards, of only around 130 out of 545 parliamentary seats.

Indian elections are never as influenced by policies as they are by personalities, religion and caste. These elections, the first in which there was no Gandhi or Nehru factor to influence the outcome, point to the growing appeal of parties that claim to speak for the dispossessed. But the Indian electorate remains cautious. Voters seem to have sensed that their rejection of Congress, vehicle of India's independence and guarantor of pan-Indian secularism, is fraught with risk, and to have been reluctant to give any rival party or coalition a clear mandate to govern.

The result is that there is no clear victor to replace Congress in power. India's new political geometry will not be clear until the powerbrokers have finished their jostling in Delhi. But the choice to be made is clear enough. The alternatives are a government led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and a coalition which would be led by the National Front-Left Front (NF-LF) alliance, a clutch of Communist and Socialist parties that polled heavily among Muslims and lower-caste Indians to win around 140 seats. The BJP, with more than 180, is now the largest party and claims to be able to form a government by drawing in small regional groups. But the odds are that Congress would team up with the Left, even as a junior coalition partner, rather than let in the BJP.

That would be cause for relief. In Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the BJP has a plausibly liberal and moderate candidate for Prime Minister; but the party itself is anything but moderate. It instigated the riots that led to the violent destruction of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya; many of its upper-caste supporters favour the creation of a Hindu religious state; and it is committed to constitutional changes that would strip away the special status of India's religious and linguistic minorities. The party's assault on consumerism and television's corruption of Indian society by Western morals, together with its hostility to multinational corporations, complete a thoroughly disquieting domestic profile that would destroy India's delicate internal balance. Even graver damage would be inflicted on regional security by the BJP's firm pledge to develop an Indian nuclear bomb. At the first sign that the BJP was serious, Pakistan would follow suit. Both sides could develop nuclear weapons within months; and both have the missile technology to deliver them.

The NF-LF platform is at least secular and non-nuclear, but on paper is even more hostile than the BJP to foreign investment, economic liberalisation and the privatisation of India's ailing public sector. Its candidate for Prime Minister, Jyoti Basu, is the veteran Marxist who for 19 years has governed West Bengal. But this is less threatening than might appear. Mr Basu, who has been courting foreign investment in his own fief since 1994, is a dedicated reformer who might make only cosmestic changes to the economic strategy mapped out by the Congress Party. India is in for a period of confused government, but with luck it will escape the trap of Hindu militancy.

CARS AND STRIPES

Americans assert their road rights

Citizens of the United States are in trauma; a disaster unmatched in their history is convulsing the country. The price of petrol has been going up. It has risen nearly 10 per cent in the last two months alone to an unbearable \$1.30, or about 80p per gallon.

Politicians have rushed to reduce this misery. Bob Dole has brought the issue to the Senate floor by demanding the repeal of a 4.3 cents gas tax rise pushed through by Democrats three years ago. It is likely to pass quickly. Not to be outdone. President Clinton has ordered the release of 12 million barrels from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve - a supply normally kept for times of war - to flood the market and bring down prices. He has also ordered both the Justice and Energy Departments to investigate how this horror could have happened.

Life for roadsters is not, however, all doom and gloom. Last November Republicans in Congress repealed the national speed limit of 55 mph, introduced as an emergency measure during the Arab oil embargo, allowing the states to set their own standards. Nine have already seized their chance and raised the level to 75mph, to loud cheers from grateful voters. Montana, home to many mysterious militias and the Unabomber suspect, has gone further still. abandoning the idea of a daytime speed

limit altogether. Instead it asks its residents to drive at a "reasonable and prudent" rate. All this is much as it should be. The US

remains the land of the Chevrolet and Cadillac. Jimmy Carter may have tried to curtail its gas-guzzling habit but, to the average American, constitutional rights include life, liberty, and the pursuit of a damn great lime or truck. Petrol at the lowest cost in the world goes with the passport. Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs, like the machinegun, are seen as symbols of freedom. In Newbury there may be antiroad protests; in New Jersey road-haters are hard to find. Highways are about the only item of government spending for which the electorate will tolerate higher taxes. Mr Clinton has good reason to recognise this. In 1980 he was defeated for re-election as Governor of Arkansas largely because he raised the state automobile licence plate fee.

This obsession seems strange to outsiders. Yet while Britons tolerate penal petrol expenses made worse by massive taxation, and served in alien litres, our cousins across the Atlantic know where they stand. A big country requires a big car, and heaven help any public official who says otherwise. Resistance to the national love affair with the auto is futile. Motoring of the people, for the people, by the people will never die.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Indignant voices on BBC 'Thought'

From the Reverend Richard Thomas

Sir, If the BBC wanted to embarrass its governors, some of its leading national contributors, and cause anger to a large section of its audience all at once, it couldn't have done better than the recent debacle on the sacking of contributors to Thought for the Day" on Radio 4 (letters, April 25, 27; May I).

One of the most obvious rules of personal relationships, let alone public relations, is that if you have something difficult to say to someone, it has to be said confidentially and in person. Letters are the worst possible way of communicating difficult news. To compound the insult by treating

some of the nation's most senior religious leaders as if they were third-rate actors who had outlived their sell-by date has caused intense anger, not just amongst Christians but across the whole religious community.

It has been made worse by the fact that since the names of the first three victims were revealed in The Times (report, April 24) the BBC has been drip-feeding other names to the media over a period of two weeks, in some cases without either consulting the people concerned or finding out whether they wished the matter to become the subject of public debate.

The conspiracy theorists have had a field day, and all kinds of reasons have been suggested. My own view is that the BBC, recently more and more uncomfortable with those who have a definite Christian viewpoint, has taken one more step towards a spongerubber view of religion that sees all faiths as essentially the same and cannot abide strong Christian convictions. It is hell-bent on reducing the access of traditional Christianity across all areas of its output.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD THOMAS (Communications Officer), The Diocese of Oxford, Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford.

From Dr Sheridan Gilley

Sir. Some find the contributors to "Thought for the Day" wrong for being politically controversial. The real trouble with this God-slot is that it intrudes into politics precisely because it

has no guts for religious controversy.

Apart from talks from the occasional token Christian, like the Archdeacon of York, the programme sedulously shuns the real differences which exist within and between religions by erating on the liberal dogma that all religions are the same. To debate the issues between Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Muslim, orthodox and liberal, would destroy this cosy il-

The liberal BBC religious establishment shows its real teeth not on Today but in its Sunday programme, when it attacks all those who, on any ground, differ from its liberal dogmata. This is why no one with a real religion wants anything to do with it, and why all good atheists and agnostics should rejoice in it.

As was said of the Church of England of old, the BBC exists to protect them from real religion.

Yours sincerely, SHERIDAN GILLEY. University of Durham, Department of Theology, Abbey House, Palace Green. Durham. May 7.

MPs' earnings

From Mr David Johnson

Sir, Thank you for providing the space today for Sir Edward Heath's letter in full. It provides excellent support for my view that the longer a politician's apologia, the more carefully it should

I am not familiar with the details of Sir Edward's business interests, but whatever his non-parliamentary income, it has clearly been substantial. It allowed him to indulge his passion for ocean racing, likened to standing fully dressed under a cold shower while tearing up large denomination

Sir Edward's letter seems to maintain that his other interests have nothing to do with his parliamentary career. I am sure he is literally correct that he does not have contracts or other agreements specifying that services he provides are in his capacity as a Member of Parliament. But does he really expect us to believe that he is not being retained for skills, contacts and knowledge acquired in such capacity?

Yours faithfully. DAVID JOHNSON. 10 Thornton Road, Wimbledon Village, SW19. May 9.

Queen's portrait

From Ms Jan Morris

Sir, I'm sure Antony Williams's new portrait of the Queen (reports, May 8, 9; article, May 10) is perfectly true to life. I am 70 myself this year, and I know that I look (and feel) a great deal older when I am clamped before a photographer than I do when I am playing with the cat.

Yours faithfully, JAN MORRIS. Trefan Morvs. Llanystumdwy, Gwynedd. May 10.

Still no agreement on best route to children's literacy

have risen continuously over the past six years. Indeed, levels of achieve-

ment as measured by GCSE results

have more than doubled in this

It is disturbing that Mr Woodhead's

final report should have omitted pas-

sages which stressed the social prob-

lems of areas like ours, the fact that

our teachers are as well qualified and

capable as others and their adherence

to pragmatic considerations, not

We have still a long way to go, but teachers and schools in Tower Ham-

lets are doing an excellent job in diffi-

London Borough of Tower Hamlets,

Sir. Jim Rose, Ofsted's Director of In-

spection (feature. May 8), asserts that

different approaches for teaching

reading must be used in a carefully

structured fashion so that children

dual attention. No solution will be

found to the challenge of universal lit-

eracy unless the national curriculum

is drastically slimmed in the early

years to allow teachers to concentrate

on basic reading, writing and numeracy. Only after these skills have been

mastered can the requirements of sci-

ence, history, geography and other subjects be met.

From Dr Patricia Allington-Smith

Sir, Community Health Service doe-

tors have a duty to report to their local

educational authority children whom

they consider to have learning prob-lems in their pre-school years. If such

information is put to one side and the

child is failing at school it may by that

time either have opted out or resorted

to difficult behaviour in order to be no-

Teachers often feel that a child's

lack of progress may reflect on their

Old attitudes towards learning

problems die hard. To regard all

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Reading requires time and indivi-

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Yours faithfully, DENNIS TWOMEY, Leader,

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LEONIE SHER,

17 Templars Crescent, N3.

May 8.

5 Clove Crescent, E14.

From Mrs Leonie Sher

From Sir Claus Moser, FBA

Sir, Illiteracy is again in the headlines, following the latest report from Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools (details, features and leading article, May 7). His expression of shock is echoed by the Secretary of State (report, May 8) and has led the Prime Minister to promise more power for the inspectorate.

Certainly the facts about illiteracy are appalling, indeed scandalous. But what shocks me equally is the impression that we are dealing with new revelations, when in fact this sad situation has been known for years. Even when I presented the facts in 1990 speaking to the British Association for the Advancement of Science) they were not new. Subsequently the National Commission for Education gave central prominence to illiteracy and proposed a number of policy solu-

These included universal nursery education; improvements for primary schools covering physical conditions, reductions in class size and streng-thening of the teaching forces; plus a range of steps to help the teaching pro-fession and teacher training. Yet, as your leading article pointed out, we have allowed reading standards to fall further. One of the best remedial programmes (the Reading Recovery pro-ject) was cancelled by the Govern-

What we need is not further dramatic outbursts from the Inspectorate nor league tables, which in their present form are misleading, but government steps to help schools and teachers in their efforts.

Yours sincerely. CLAUS MOSER, 3 Regent's Park Terrace, NWI.

From the Leader of Tower Hamlets Council

Sir, Chris Woodhead is the latest in a long line of experts who have detected falling standards of attainment in schoolchildren. Is it possible that classroom teachers have been right and that Mr Woodhead and his predecessors have been guilty of fashionable theories of doom?

We have many problems in Tower Hamlets. Levels of educational achievement, whether reading standards in primary schools or GCSE results in secondary schools, are not nearly high enough. However, both

Thatcher and Church

Sir, Anthony Howard's article ("Why

her will wasn't done", May 4) on the

alleged "cold war" between Mrs

Thatcher and the Archbishops of Can-

terbury and York and the Bishop of

Durham omits one fact - the attitude

of members of other churches in the

The Falkland Islands service on

July 26, 1982, was planned by the

Chapter of St Paul's with representa-

tives of the Church of Scotland, the

Free Churches and the Roman Catho-

lic Church. Their leaders, Dr John

McIntyre, Dr Kenneth Greet and Car-

dinal Basil Hume, were rock-like in

their determination to avoid triumph-

alism and to pray for all those who had lost loved ones, whether they

Mourners composed the majority of

the congregation and one had only to meet the families in the cathedral or to

From Dr Alan Webster

see their letters afterwards to feel that the tone of the service — thanksgiving, remembrance, and peace and reconciliation - was true to the Gospel, Later letters and messages and even flowers came from Buenos Aires.

Similarly, members of other churches joined with Anglicans in questioning the treatment of the miners of 1984-85, supported the 1985 Faith in the City plea for the deprived and reacted critically to Mrs Thatcher's "Sermon on the Mound" in Edinburgh in 1988.

Too much praise (or blame, according to your point of view) should not bestowed on the Anglican leaders. All this was an ecumenical endeavour to maintain a one-nation vision for the United Kingdom, for which we may be grateful.

Yours sincerely. ALAN WEBSTER (Dean of St Paul's, 1978-87), 20 Beechbank, Norwich, Norfolk. May 6. .

Transport inquiries

From Mr J. H. Sims Williams

were British or Argentinian.

Sir. The Department of Transport's Green Paper, Transport, The Way Forward (report and leading article, April 26), suggests a single national telephone number for all train inquiries. If you ring your local train inquiries number now you actually get answered by a national service. This. however, does not go far enough.

For a fully competitive transport service we need to be able to ring one number and get information on all modes of transport. If we had such a

database entrepreneurs could more easily find weaknesses in the trans-port system and fix them, while the public could make the best use of all services available.

An obvious extension of this service would be to provide Internet access to the inquiry system.

Yours faithfully. J. H. SIMS WILLIAMS, University of Bristol, Department of Engineering Mathematics, Queen's Building, University Walk, Bristol. May 1.

Manchester's fortune

From Mr E. S. Andrews

Sir, As a Mancunian I was very pleased to read your editorial about Manchester (May 7). However I have one

You rightly say that cotton, coal and the Ship Canal played a part in generating Manchester's fortune, but engineering and technical innovation were the key to its success and to the development of the cotton industry.

The Ship Canal movement was led by a Manchester engineer, Daniel Adamson, and other engineers played a major part in this and in public life. Unfortunately their contribution to both engineering and social improvement is little recognised.

Whilst cotton, coal and the Ship Canal have long since lost their former glory I am pleased to say that engineering still contributes significantly to the wellbeing of the Manchester

Yours sincerely. ERNEST S. ANDREWS (President, The Manchester Association of Engineers), Charter Buildings. Ashton Lane, Sale, Cheshire. May 7.

Food etiquette

From Mr Colin Croskin

Sir. The Queen is to serve beef to President Chirac just as the Prime Minister did to Chancellor Kohl (reports, April 30, May 10).

Is it courteous, in order to establish a principle, to serve food which may not be to the guest's taste, or should the guest be content to do in Rome what the Romans do?

When we are visited by vegetarian friends we provide vegetarian food. But when we visit them we are given vegetarian food although we are carnivores. Should one force one's principles (indeed prejudices) on a guest?

Yours sincerely. COLIN CROSKIN, 4 Highfield Cottage Ingleton, North Yorkshire. May 10.

Weekend Money letters, page 32

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046. children as of equal ability unless obviously handicapped is nonsense and does great disservice to those who need special help.

Yours faithfully, PAT ALLINGTON-SMITH (Author, The Last Inequality, Pentland Press, 1995), 14 Yare Court, Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk.

From the Director of the National Literacy Trust

Sir, I find Nigella Lawson's sweeping generalisations about teachers (arti-cle, May 8) most unfortunate but she is right to stress the importance of shared responsibility for supporting children's literacy development. Most research suggests that, in addition to high quality teaching, we must give support to literacy in the home and the wider culture if children are going to develop effective skills and positive attitudes to literacy.

In my experience primary school teachers are working harder than ever before but it is clear from surveys that some young teachers don't feel that their training adequately equip-ped them for the very complex task of teaching reading and they need extra

SUDDORL Alongside the need to continually review teaching in schools we need to find new and imaginative ways to raise the confidence and competence levels of parents.

Yours sincerely NEIL MCCLELLAND. Director. National Literacy Trust, la Grosvenor Gardens, SWI.

From Mr J. H. Kirk

Sir. In forty years of teaching I never met a child who could not read "icecream" or "icecream", or similar words, by looking at their shape, regardless of the sounds.

No one method will teach every child to read with understanding. "The cat sat on the mat" method often leads to nothing better than what a well known schools inspector once called "barking at print".

Yours sincerely, J. H. KIRK. 9 The Glebe. Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset.

Uncoordinated

From Mr S. R. Lancelyn Green

Sir. I see from the spring edition of the National Operatic & Dramatic Association News that, in the coming season, the ten most popular operas and musicals account for 36 amateur productions in this region.

In the society's II regions there will be an average of forty productions of each of the shows. All will find an audience or the societies would not survive, so surely a couple of coincident Traviati are neither here nor there (letters, April 25, 30).

If the London audiences have seen too many, why not take pot luck with Lucia di Lammermoor in Preston, Fledermaus in Manchester or La Forza del Destino from Merseyside Opera? All seats guaranteed under a tenner.

Yours faithfully, S. R. LANCELYN GREEN, Poulton Hall, Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington, Wirral.

High society

From Mrs Diana May

Sir, I sympathise with alphabeticallychallenged Raymond Woodall (letter. May 7). On marriage I slipped from near-the-top to halfway-through-the-alphabet, and life is not the same. Did he, I wonder, choose to live in

Abingdon because it is top-of-theheap; and is that why he called his house "Athena"?

Yours faithfully, DIANA MAY (née Cobban). 265 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Middlesex. May 6.

From Mr J. D. Smart

Sir, As a schoolmaster I have always noted that lists of pupils in the top sets contain far more than their fair share of A to Ms and a wealth of surnames beginning with A and B.

The lower sets are packed full of unfortunate Ss. Ts and Ws. Are they naturally less able or have they always been put at the bottom of life's lists?

Yours faithfully. J. D. SMART, Oakeley House, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk. May 8.

From Dr Margaret Nanson

Sir, Hope may be at hand for Mr Woodall in the field of computerised address lists. My university's computer (Cambridge) has, for some time, been writing to me as "Dear Dr

Bchir*. I would suggest that he and his wife immediately take appropriate de-

Yours faithfully. E. M. NANSON. 71 Kingswood Road. Wimbledon, SW19. May 7.

Programme and the same of



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 10: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, this morning attended the Army Catering Competition at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot,

ST JAMES'S PALACE ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 10: The Prince of Wales, as
President, The Prince's Trust, this
morning received Mr Tom
Shebbeare (Executive Director)
and, as President, Business in the
Community, received Miss Julia
Cleverdon (Chief Executive). KENSINGTON PALACE

May 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Derbyshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire (Mr

John Bather). Her Royal Highness visited Lady Manners School in Bakewell, and opened the new science laboratories.
The Princess Margaret, Count-

ess of Snowdon, subsequently visited Walton Hospital in

Chesterfield, and opened the Gen-KENSINGTON PALACE May IC: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John. this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in Washington DC, United States of America.

United States of America.

Major Nicholas Barne is in attendance.
His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by Sir John Kerr (Her Majesty's Ambassador) and Lady Kerr at the British Embassy, Washington.

YORK HOUSE May 10: The Duke of Kent. Colonel, this evening attended a Colonel, this evening attended a Scots Guards Association Dinner. at the Honourable Artillery Company, Bisky, Surrey. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 10: Princess Alexandra this afternoon presented badges and certificates to graduate nurses of the Nightingale and Guy's College of Health at Central Hall, West-minster, London SWI.

Weekend birthdays

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Anson. 67; Sir Edgar Beck, former president, John Mowlem and Com-pany, 85: Lady Rachel Billington. riter, 54; Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, 71: Miss Beryl Bryden, jazz singer, 76: Professor M.J. Hamlin, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Dundee University, 66; Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, Racal Electronics, 70; Professor Antony Hewish, radio astronomer, 72; Mr Justice Hollis, 69, Sir Robert Hunt, former chairman, Dowty Group, 78: Brigadier Joan Moriarty, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing Services, 73; Ma John Parrott, snooker player, 32; Mr Jeremy Paxman, broadcaster, 46; Sir lan Percival, QC, 75; Mr lan Redpath, cricketer, 55; Miss Natasha Richardson, actress, 33; Mr Mike Sleman, rugby player, 45: the Very Rev Dr Stephen Smalley, Dean of Chester, 65: Miss Judith Weir, composer, 42: the Hon Montague Woodhouse, Greek resistance organiser, 79.

Mr Burt Bacharach, composer, 67; Mr Alan Ball, football manager. 51; Mr N.D. Cadbury, chairman, Cadbury Schweppes, 56; Professor Sir Cyril Chanter, paediatrican, 57; Mr M.A. Coates, former chair-man, Price Waterhouse, 72; the Earl of Cork and Orrery, 80; Mr John Floyd, auctioneer. 73; Miss Susan Hampshire, actress, 54; Mr H.V. Hodson, former Editor, The Sunday Times, 90: Mr Michael Ignatieff, writer, 49; Miss Helena



Deborah Warner, theatre director, is 37 tomorrow

Kennedy, QC, 46; the Earl of Kimberley, 72; Dr David Kimble, former Vice-Chancellor, Univer-sity of Malawi, 75; Lord Laing of Dunphail, 73; Mr Eric Lyall, former chairman, Pearl Group, 72; Professor C.P. Mayer, economist, 43; Sir Roger Moate, MP, S8; the Right Rev Hugh Monteflore, for-mer Bishop of Birmingham, 76; Ms Jenni Murray, broadcaster, 46; Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, S2: Miss Rosalind Savill, director, The Wallace Collection, 45: Mr Frederick Smithies, trade unionist, 67: Dr. Smitnes, trace unionist, 07; Dr Miriam Stoppard, writer and broadcaster, 59; Mr Steve Winwood, rock singer, 48; Sir Paul Wright, diplomat, 81.

Royal engagements

the Northern Lighthouse Board, will visit Fair Isle, Start Point, Orkney and other lighthouses in

The Duke of Kent, as president, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the Football Association's challenge cup final at

James Caird Society

Mr Harding Dunnett, Chairman of the James Caird Society, Mr Angus Erskine, Mr Keith Shackleon, Mr Michael Gilloes and Mr Giles Bergel, great grandson, pre-sented an illustrated version of Sir Ernest Shackleton's rescue voyage last night at Dulwich College to mark the anniversary of Shackleton's 800 mile journey in the 23ft open boat James Caird which open to at James Carra willow ended on South Georgia on May 10, 1916. The Hon Mrs Bergel, granddaughter and president of the society, received the guests.

Election

BIRTHS

DEATHS

HARLWOOD - On May 70: to Victoria (nëe Hellyer) an William, a daughter, Jessic Anne, a sister for Oliver,

Jonathan Jeffrey,

MORRESON - On 6th May, to

Sarah (née Blandy) and

Norre, a son, Alexander.

SOOD - On May 6th, to

Antonia (née Millen) and

Aloy, a son, Hari James, a

brother for Chetan and Jaya.

SOWOOD - On May 9th

1996, to Tracsy (ole Miller)

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ES - On April 29th 1996 Align and Stron, 4 con rather Jeffrey.

Canon Peter Cobb, Vicar of All Saints Clifton, has been elected Master of the College of Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of

Luncheon

China-Britain Trade Group Corporation of London Sir Peter Cazalet, President of the China-Britain Trade Group, was the host at a presentation given by the Mayor of Shanghai, followed by lunch at Guildhall on May 8.
Mayor Xu Kuangdi and his delegation were the guests of the
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The Corporation of London was represented by the Chief Commoner, Mr Philip Willoughby, JP, and Alderman, David Brewer, JP, Honorary Treasurer of CBTG. Some 140 senior businessmen from

a cross section of industry attended.

Rannies

Rannies is closing in July 1996. A re-union for former staff and students will be held at the Selfridge Hotel in London on Saturday, June 22, at noon. To reserve a place send a cheque payable to ECFF for £16.00 topayant to Early in Stock of St Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex,

District judge

Mr Stephen John Williams to be a District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit from May 13.

ELLIS - Summer (rule Pani) on May 9th suddenly but peacefully at Gian Clwyd Hospital. Dearly loved mother of Jene, Jenes and Robert and loving grammy of Netastia. Vamesas, Victoria, Tanothy and James, Pumeral Service at Trehami Parish, Church, neur Denbigh, on Friday May 17th at 11, 45cm; lo which family and friends are most welcome, followed by committed at Colwyn Bey Crematorium. Family flowers only. Enquiries (01746) 812936.

Fifth AY - Very suddenly on May 6th 1996. Zoe Josephine Bell (nés Les) much loved wife of the late John Euston Bell Finlay, mother of Robina and George, grandmother of Alexandra and John, and sitter of Mathew Lees. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium at 12 noon on Tuesday 14th May.

FRAMMAN - Wg. Cdr. Pand (Franco) Framkin O.B.E. en 9th May aged 90 peacefully after Bunch pain harvely borne. Dearly loved harband of Peggy and father of Amna and Judy. Much loved grandfather. Family flowers only. Any donations to the R.N.L.I. c/o G.M. Luff & Partners Ltd., Hasternere, Surrey.

home in Lymington on May Tils 1996, Funeral Service at

MUDSOR - Yvonne Patricia the O'Nelk), baloved wife of Derek and mother of follows, because of the late Norman and Adine O'Nelk, after a short liness at Mount Alvernia Hospital. Coliforni, on 9th May aged 50. No flowers piecse. Donations to Jehn Grooms Association for Disabled People, 10 Gloucester Driva. Pinsbury Park, London N4 2LP. Enquiries to Pinnas Fumeral Services, (01483) 667394.

JEAYES - On May 9th peacefully in Chard Hospital, Violet Diana de Beauvoir, nuch loved eidest sister, aunt and great-aunt. Enquiries to Ja J Pantling, 7 West Street. Immingher. pair (01460) 82676.

KABNEY - Gilbert Henry Peler, died pencefully, and at peace, at home on 8th May, aged 86. Fuheral at 2.20 on Friday 17th May at 81 James the Great, West Hansey, No flowers pleasa. Despitions to Christian Aid c/o Knapps. Church Street, Wantage.

OSEONH - Mary of The Guildhouse. Stanton. Goucesterwire, dearly loved sister of Margot Wharmbry. died peacerolly on May 7th. 1996. In her minetieth year. There will be a private service at Stanton Church on May 17th at 11 am.

service at Stanton Church on May 17th at 11 am. A memorial service will be hald at the Guildhouse, Stanton a

at the Californe, Startin a short time after the Open Days on the 18th and 19th May. No flowers but donations to Save the Children Fund would be greatly appreciated. Many will be deaply mixed by her family and inputy fiends.

Service dinners

The Royal Regiment of Fusilicrs Colonel R.L. Cariss, Deputy Colo-nel of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers for Warwickshire, prerusiles for warming probable for the Fusilier Officers' Club, Royal Warwickshire, last night at the Council House, Birmingham. Adjutant-General's Corps

(Staff and Personnel Support) Lieutenant Colonel Quinn, Com-Lieutenant Colonel Quinn, Com-mander, Staff and Personnel Sup-port, presided and spoke at a diruner held on May 8, in the Officers' Mess, Divulje Barracks, Split, Croatia, for senior members of the Staff and Personnel Support Branch deployed on OPERATION RESOLUTE in the former

The Queen's Flight Association
Mr Brian Trubshaw was the guest
of honour at the annual dinner of
The Queen's Flight Association held last night at RAF Benson. Squadron Leader R.H. Stanion

East Midlands Universities

Air Squadron
Air Marshal G.A. Robertson,
Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief Strike Command, was the guest of honour at
the annual dimensities Air Syneck the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron held last night at Nottingham University. Squadron Leader I.A. Torrance. Commanding Officer, presided. Senior Academic members of the affiliated universities and members of the Military Education Committee were

Dinners

Chaziers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual livery dinner of the Glaziers' Company held last night at Mansion House, Mr P.G. Lowe, Master, presided, assisted by Mr M.C. Tosh, Upper Warden, and Mr G.C. Bond, Renter Warden. The Lord Mayor, the Upper War-den and Mr Alexander Swinton were the speakers. The High Commissioner for Canada was among the guests.

Launderers' Company
The Master, Wardens and Court of
Assistants of the Launderers' Company gave their annual ladies' dinner last night at Drapers' Hall. Sir Ewen Pergusson and Mr Richard L. Seaman were the speakers.

Legal appointment Mr Roger Andre Venne to be Deputy Secretary of Commissions

Spring gardening at Malvern

Colourful cacti steal the show

By Alan Toogood, horticulture correspondent

THE best exhibit in the Maltrunked-shaped flowers, were bred by the company, who are now concentrating on breed-ing for smaller flowers. One vern Spring Gardening Show is a colourful display of flowering cacti and succulents from Southfield Nurseries of Morton, Lincolnshire. They range from mammillarias studded with pink flowers, to fiery rebutias with orange and red blooms. The centrepiece is

a 36-year-old, 2ft wide Mammillaria bombycina. The best floral exhibitor new to the show is Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Stokesley, Cleveland. The display is a mass of flowers and includes Angel pelargoriums (miniature regals) with pink pansy-like blooms; stellar cultivars with spiky leaves and flowers, scented leave kinds, and hanging baskets of ivy-leaf pelargoniums, including "Crocetta" with gold-laced leaves and red and white flowers.

The show, which opened yesterday, is a good mix of mid-spring plants and bulbs, summer flowers such as sweetness and fuchsias, and exotics, ranging from carnivorous plants to orchids. A large display of amaryllis (flamboyant bulbs) and tulips has been transported from Holland by WS Warmen-hoven, of Hillegom. All the

BIRTHS: Reginald Pole, Arct-bishop of Canterbury 1556-58, Stourton Castle, Staffordshire,

1500: Irving Berlin, composer, Temum, Russia, 1888: Martha Graham, dancer, Allegheny, Penn-sylvania, 1894; Salvador Dali, painter, Figueras, Spain, 1904.

DEATHS: Matteo Ricci, Jesuit missionary, China, 1610; William

Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham. Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-

68. Hayes, Kent, 1778; Sir John

Herschel, astronomer, Collingwood, Kent, 1871: Juan Gris,

Cubist, Boulogne, 1927; Bob Marley, singer, Miami, 1981; H.A.R. (Kim) Philby, British dou-

ble agent, Moscow, 1988.

Pershore College of Horti-culture, Hereford and Worcester, has its own marquee plus an outside garden. The marquee houses a collection of choice and unusual plants from the college's specialist plant unit, including Ceanothus "Zanzibar", which was amaryllis, noted for large raised at the college. This new

Weekend anniversaries

Chang and Eng, were born of Chinese parents in Siam, 1811.

Forty spectators were killed and

Bradford City football ground,

BIRTHS: John Bell, surgeon,

Edinburgh, 1763; Edward Lear, artist and poet, London, 1812; Florence Nightingale, hospital re-former, Florence, 1820; Dante Ga-

briel Rossetti, poet and painter,

founder member of the Pre-Rapha-elite Brotherhood, London, 1828;

Jules Massenet, composer,

Montaud, France, 1842; Gabriel Fauré, composer, Permiers, Ariège, France, 1845; Sir Lennox

TOMORROW

on-Severn, Hereford and Worcester. The new Junior

petunias are featured, small

compact plants with flowers

to match. An unusual subject

for a hanging basket is a yellow strawflower, Heli-chrysum "Golden Baby".

shrub has dark green and yellow variegated leaves and light blue flowers and will be available from next spring.

of their successes. Scarlet Baby", is featured in the display. Bloms Bulbs of Sharn-Students from the college designed the Cosmic Garden. which represents the Sun. Moon and stars and is planted with cosmically themed plants. The "Airedale Hybrids" are brook, Bedfordshire, are also showing tulips, including some unusual kinds such as a new race of auriculas bred "Ballerina" with orange flowby Stephen Craven, of

ers, one of the few scented tulips, and "Shirley", whose Craven's nursery, Bingley, West Yorkshire. They produce masses of scented white flowers open cream, change to flowers and are featured prominently in his display of white and then develop mauve edging to the petals. Plants for hanging baskets and patio containers, both familiar and unusual, are auriculas. Hostas are among the most important foliage plants for being shown by Cook's Garden Centre, of Stourport-

the spring garden and are included in many exhibits. Ann and Roger Bowden, of Okehampton, Devon, have staged part of the national collection of modern hybrids. Among the 100 or so cultivars on display is a new one from America called "Honeysong" whose crinkled leaves have a lime green edge.

The show, jointly organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and the Three Counties Agricultural Society and held at the Three Counties showground, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, is open today from 9am to 6pm and tomorrow from 9am to 5pm.

Berkeley, composer, Oxford, 1903; Tony Hancock, comedy actor. Birmingham, 1924.

DEATHS: Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Gothic revival,

London, 1860; Bedrich Smetana,

composer. Prague. ISS4: Amy Lowell, poet. Brookline. Massachusetts, 1925; Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, man of letters.

Fowey, Cornwall, 1944; Erich von

Stroheim, actor and film director,

Maurepas, France. 1957: John Masefield. Poet Laureaue 1930-67, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, 1967; John Smith, leader of the Labour

Alcoholics Anonymous was founded by William Wilson in Akron, Ohio, 1935.

Party 1992-94. London, 1994.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Benneti and Miss S.E. Cobb The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Mavis

Bennett and of the late Mr Colin Bennett, of Finchfield, Wolverhampton, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Cobb. of Cob-

Mr M.B. Boden and Miss S. Wright
The engagement is announced between Martin. son of Mr and Mrs John Boden, of Wythall, West

Midlands, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Donald Wright, of Alcester, Warwickshire.

Mr T.H. Burnett-Godfree
and Ms J.L. Hope Lundley
Miss Emily Fraser is pleased to
announce the engagement butween her stepsister Jemima
Lumley and Timothy Godfree. Mr A.D. Cox

and Miss J.E. Pratt The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Cox, of Bawtry. South Yorkshire, and Joanna, second daughter of Mr Michael Pratt. QC, and Mrs Pratt. of Edghaston, Birmingham. Mr TJ.D. Hall

and Miss N.S. Durlacher The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hall of The Lee. Buckinghamshire, and Natasha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Durlacher, of Victoria Road. Kensington. Mr R.G. Hanson and Miss C.A. Hatton

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Hanson, of Steeple Ashton. Wiltshire, and Carole Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Hatton, of St Helens,

and Miss J.A. Gloyn-Cox The engagement is announced between Griff, youngest son of Mr Wynne James and the late Mrs Ann James, of Barry, South

Glamorgan, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Gloyn-Cox, of Rooksmoor, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.W.A. Smithic and Miss K.C. Johnson The engagement is announced; from New York, of Antony, younger son of Jonathan Smithie, of Oxford, and Helen Gale, of London, and Kristin Collier, only daughter of Marsha Sandin John-son, of New York and the late G.R.

Marriages

Count Konrad Goess-Sauran and Mrs S.J. Farquhar The marriage took place quietly on Thursday. May 2, in Mari-borough, Witshire, between Count Konrad Goess-Saurau and Mrs Susie Farquhar.

Mr T.M. Trollope-Bellew and Miss M.H.J. White The marriage took place on May 9, at Bourne, Lincolnshire, between Thomas Martin Trollope-Bellew and Maria Henrietta Joanna

Mr S.R. Walls and Mrs R. Barry The marriage took place on Fri-day, May 10, at Mosimanns, London, between Mr Stephen Walls, only son of Mrs D. Walls and the late Mr R.W. Walls, of Blackpool, and Mrs Ruth Barry, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L Nadler, of Westville, Natal, South

Latest wills

Recent wills include, net before tax: Mr Lewis Anderson, of Gains-Mr Henry Lewis Balmer, of Houghton le Spring, Tyne and Mrs Margaret Cardwell, of £898,206 Mrs Sheila Margaret Coutts, of Norwich, Norfolk £650.099 Mr Henry Boyton Fraser, of Dorchester, Dorset _______ E771,847 Mr John Frank William Grover, of Shroton, Dorset Eva Knowles, of Tong, West Yorkshire ______ F735,850 Yorkshire Mr Francis Robert Kerry, of

ings card publisher Mrs Myrtle Sykes Massey, of Garton on the Wolds, North Mr John Ashton Norgate, of Newbury, Berkshire £1,388,289 Mr John William Peet, of Halifax, West Yorks, retired master Pendomer, Somerset...... 1997,738 Squadron Leader Wilfrid Noel Stabbs, of New Milton, Hamp-

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Church services tomorrow

Rogation Sunday
ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 10.15 SE, Stanford in C, if ye love me (Tailtal): 6.30 SE, Let thy merciful ears (Muddl, Evening Service in G min (Purcell, The Provost, BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC, 11 S Euch, O sweetest Jesu (Gregory), Stanford in B flat & F, Herre O my Lord (Whitlock): 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Hawood in A flat, Like as the hart (Howell).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP, 9.15 HC, 11 Choral Euch, Coll Reg (Durke), Lord who shall dwell (Surplice), Oculi ornalum (Wood), The Provost, 4 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, O Filli et filiae (Walford Davies).

BIACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 9.15 Choral M, O most merciful (Wood); (3.05 Euch, Liste Organ Mass (Haydn), Canon K Partitis 4 Choral E, Woman Why Weepest thour (Schultch, The

Organ Mass (Haydin), Canon & Fartite 4 Choral E. Woman why weepest thou? Schutz), The Provist.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green: 740 M: 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch, Holy is the true light (Harris), Jackson in G. Ubi Carius (Duruffe), Canon A Redierri: 3.30 Choral E. Responses (Sumston). The lessus service (Mathias), Christ whose glory (Archer), The Dean.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 SEUCh, Missa Brevis in D (Mozard. Ave verum (Elgar). The Precentor; 3.15 E. Responses (Rose). Howelds in G: 6.30 Christian Aid Service, Bistop of Dover.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch. Aris (Rawsthorné), Darie in E. Oculi omnium (Wood), Canon M Braithwalle: 3 E. Responses (Reading). The Wildermes (Goss). CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC: 9.30 Euch. Going to the Father. The Vice Provos: 11.15 S Euch, Darke in F. Holy is the rue light (Harris), Canon O Krilght: 6 Choral E. Responses (Reading). Sumston in G. Light out of darkness (Elgar), Rev Jacqui Jones. CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch, Jackson in G. Thou visitest the earth (Greene). Let thy merciful ears (Mudd): 11.30 Choral M. Responses (Ayleward), Dyson in F. 3.30 Choral E. If ye then be risen with Christ (Stanlord): 6.30 ES, The Dean.

CHICKESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Visushan Williams in G. All the ends of the world (Boyce), Res Rev M Maddock: 11 S Buch. Mass (or four voices! Sacendotes Domini (Byrd). Ven CM Pinden: 3.30 E. Magdelen Servi (Lighton). Surgens Jesus (Phillips).

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8 C: 10.30 Euch. Coventry Mass (Walker). God livers Still (Bach), Responses (Ayleward). The Wildermess (Sterman Lutherus; S.30 E. God livers Still (Bach), Responses (Ayleward). The Wildermess (Sterman Lutherus; S.30 E. God livers Still (Bach), Responses (Ayleward). The Pinder: 3.30 Extens of the Earth (Frome of the Responses (Patherus of the Resp

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NEED — Stanley William on 4th May 1996. Director of the British Film Institute 1964-1972. Much loved Institute of Alich, Salber of Jame, Penetope and Caroline and grandrather of Clem. Quiet family funeral 15th May, Donations, it wished, to the Alzhejmer's Disease Society.

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N/H. Asminster, Roth Annie aged 98 years formerly of Cadham. Sevenouls. Kent. Widow of Sidney, 2 dear mother, grandmother mad prest-grandmother. Funeral. Service to be held at the Exciter and Devon Cremaintum on Wednesday May 16th at 4 pm. Enquires c/o W.G. Potter Funeral Directors. Austinatur. Tel-01297; 34295.

M. Ireland in F. Thou visitest the earth (Greenel, Canon R Coppin; 3.30 E. Murrill in E. For the beauty of the earth (Ruttes), Canon A Maude,
SLY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 MC: 10.30 \$ Euch, Missa Bell amiltrit altera (Lassus, Little David play on your hang (Sargend). The Precentor: 1.43 E. Preces (Trepte), Bairstow in G. My beloved spake (Hadley); 6.30 Reading Service, Reflections & Taire style music, Rev Dr R G disorder. Rehections a Taire style music, her of highes, experience of the style over me (Tailis), Darke in E. The Lord bless you (Ruster, The Dean; 11.15 M. Responses (Rose), freiand in F. Rev Canon E. James; 3 E. Sumsion in A. In actiu strate (5 Westey); 6.30 E. O taste and see (Goss), Rev Canon C Evans.

GRILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Misea Sancti Joannis de Doo (Haydn), Ave

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LEICEFTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Darke in E. O sing joyiully (Baten), Dean of Lincoln: 2.30 Church Lads' & Girls' Rigade Service: 4 Choral Lads' & Girls' Rigade Service: 4 Choral E. Responses Smith), Noble in B minor, Teach me O Lord Antwood). The Ireasurer.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozard, Te Deum in C (Britten), Tanuam engo (de Severac), The Precmior: 3.30 Stalfordshire Youth & Community Service.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8. 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Vierne), Bishop R Cuts; 11.15 M, Responses (Reading), Boyce in C, Crits: is risen again (Weellest); 3.45 S. Responses (Smith), Howells in C. Greger Love (Ireland), V Rev O Flennes: 5.30 Signjeswade Deanery Pilgrimage Service.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP A HC: 10.30 Euch. Canon M Boyling: 3 Choral E. Michael by members of the Palestine Police Assoc. Canon N Vincent: 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 H Euch: The Dean: 9 Euch, Rev M Taylor; 11 S Euch. Sunssion in F, Creed (Merbecke), Ave werum (Philipps); 330 Choral E. Howells in G. The Widdertess (Wesley); 6.30 E. The Dean.

NANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Sunford in C. Give almes of thy goods (Tye); 6.30 E. Fifth Service (Byrd), The Dean.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Sunford in C. Give almes of thy goods (Tye); 6.30 E. Fifth Service (Torokins), Praise the Lord O my soul (Tombins).

PSTERBOSGOUGH CATHEDRAL: 430 M, Noble in B minor; 10.30 Euch, Harwood in A

(Tombins).

PATERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M. Noble in B minor: 10.30 Euch, Harwood in A flat. O taste è see (Vaughan Williams), Canon P Bose; 3.30 E. coil Reg (Wood). Lord who hast made us for thine own (Hoist).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. V Rev H Dickinson: 10 Euch, V Rev H Dickinson: 11.30 M. Responses (Bynd), Te Deum in CJubliale in C (Britten). Thou visiteth the earth [Greene].

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THANKSGIVING

CHURCH - Poter. There will be a service of lisaningiving for the life and work of Peter Ray Church which will be held in the Chapet of \$1 Edward's School. Oxford on Saturday 18th June at 2000, Otic and friends are warmly invited to anima.

Canon D Stater, 3 E. Responses/Second Service/Sing Joyfully unto God (Byrd): 7.45 Compline.

SHEFFREID CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.45 MP. 10.30 S Each, Spatzenmesse (Mozari, O Quarm Gloriosum (Vittoria), Canon V Fauli: 6.30 E. Responses (Aytward), Murrill in E. Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Dints Sengulane. Bishop of Lebombo, Mozaribique.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 10.55 Choral Euch, Spatzenmesse (Mozari, 1 got me Bowers (Vaughan Williams), Ave verum (Byrd), Canon R White: 3 Choral E. Brewer in D. Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Canon R White: TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9 M, The Dean: 10 S Euch, View me Lord (Lloyd), Coll Reg (Howells), Beati quorum via (Stanford), Canon P Goodridge; 6 E. Responses (Radcilife, Blessi quorum via (Stanford), Canon P Goodridge; 6 E. Responses (Radcilife), Blessed otly (Balstoow), The Chancellor. F Goodridge: 6 E. Responses (Raddiffe). Blessed city (Bairstow). The Chancellor. WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 5 Euch. Ultile Organ Mass in 8 flat (Haydn), Rev P de N. Lucas: 11.30 M. The Shont Service (Gibbons), My Soul there is a country (Parry): 3 E. Dyson in D. Hall gladdening light (Wood), Preb M. D. Ellis. WESTALINSTER. ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Responses (Ayleward), Benedictic (Purcell). Ocull omnium (Wood), Rev C. Lawrence; 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), Rejolice in the Lord (Anon), Sr H. Markey: 3 E. Purcell in E. minor, Die mit Tranen seen (Schutz), Canon A. Harvey; 6.30 ES. Rev B. Penton. WESTMINSTER. CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 8, 30, 9, 12, 5, 30, 7 M: 10, 30 SM; 10 MP; 3, 30 V&B. YORK MINTSTER. 8, 845 HC: 105 Euch, Litany YORK MINTSTER. 8, 8, 845 HC: 105 Euch, Litany SJU, 7 M: 1030 SM; 10 MP; 330 Vess.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Lirany
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ST ASAPH. CATHEDRAL. Chyvic: 8 HC: 11 Choral M. Stanford in B flat. Let all the world (Yaughan Williams). The Dean.

ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL. Dyleck: 8 HC: 9.30 Euch, The Succentor: 11.15 Choral M. Ireland in F. Jesu loy of man's desiting (Bach). The Canon: 6 Choral E. Second Service/Teach me O Lord (Byrd). The Dean.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Southwark: 8, 10 Family. 6 LM: 11.30 SM, Mass In Githe heavens are milking (Haydo). FrG Bradley. ST GILES CATHEDRAL Edinburgh: 8, 10 MS HC. Gloris in Excelsis (Mozzard). The Minister: 11.30 MS. How lovely is thy dwelling place (Bruhms): The Minister: 8 ES, Rev C Keniny.

ST FAUL'S CATHEDRAL London: 8 HC: 8.45 M: 11 S Euch. Missa brevis in D [Mozzard, Jubilate Deo in E flat (Bellen). Long since in Egypt's plenteous land (Parry). Rev M Saward: 3.15 E. Walmisley in 8 flat. Ecce vict Leo (Phillips). Rev Dr D Stone.

ALL HALLOWS By the Tower. ECS: 3. Maritime Volunteer Service & Royal Naval Auxillary Service Assocs. Annual Service, Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS. Manzaret Street. W: 8, 5.15 LM:

Delaney. ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5, 15 LM: 10.20 M; 11 HM, Jugendmess (Haydn), The Vicar, 6 E8B, The First Service (Mariey), The Vicar.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 M., Missa lauda Sion (Paiestrina), I give you a new commandment (Lawson), Panis angelicus Cascioling.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10
CHIGGER: 11 M. Insanae et Vanae Curae
(Haydin). V Rev M Yorke; 6 E. Rev J Hadley.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH. Cerzon St.
WI: 11 Sunday service; 11 Sunday School.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTIAND.
Coven Gardies. WC: 11.15, Rev S Hood; 6.30,
Rev D Townsend.
FARM STREET. WI: 8: 9.30: 11 SM. Missa
brevis (Mozard, Ave Maris Stella (Elgari, Ave
Maria (Rheinbergerk 12.30: 4.15; 6.15,
THE ORATORY, Brompton, Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Vestivi colil (Glovanelli), Ardens est corretim (Victoria), 12-30, 4-30, 7; 3-30 V & B. Gaude virgo (agazzari), ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns. W8: 11 MP. Archbishop Y Gizirian. GOIS. WE: 11 MP, Archbishop Y Gizlrian.
WESLEYS CHAPEL City Road, EC2: 9.45. [1.
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WESLEYS CHAPEL CHY ROBE, ECZ: 9.45. [1. Rev R D Greeves. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWI: 11, Rev Dr R Globins: 6.30, Rev D Cruise. ST ALBAN'S CONTINUING CHURCH OF ENGLAND. COLLIER: 9.47 MS: (0.30 SM. ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Durheran). Grestam SI. ECZ: 11 Choral HC. Rev T Bruch. ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. Smithfield. ECI: 9 HC. 10.45 Squadron Commemoradon: 11 M. Eiger in F. O hearthen thou [Eiger]. Rev R Noble: 6.30 Choral Euch. Messe solennelle (langlais). Rev M Thompson. ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & (Langlais), Rev M Thompson.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in C. Missa Brevis (Preston), Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), Canon J Dates: 6.36 Choral E. Responses (Radcillie, Nobie in B minor, to the full final sacrifice (Finzi), Canon

ST ETHELDREDA'S. Ely Place: 11 SM. Messe des Orpheonistes/O Salutaris Hostia (Gounod).

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ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral M. Te Deum & Jubilate (Boyce in C). In exitu Israel (Wesley).

Rev S WRIE.

ST COLUMBAYS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Post Streel. SW1: 11, 6.30. Rev W A Calvas. ST JAMES'S, Sessex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch: 10.30 S Euch. Mass in D (Dvorak), To This temple (Bairstow), Rev B Wilson: 6 E. Murrill In E. O How Glorious (Harwood).

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family, Temple Suite (Stanley), Rev D Richards; 6.30 HC. Rev D Richards; The Chaplain.

THE FEMPLE CHURCH, Fice; Street: 8.30 HCs11.15 MP, Responses (Reading), Sumsion in G. 7

Moeran in E Bat, My beloved spake (Hadley),
Rev D B Evans.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1:
11 M. Be still for the presence of the Lord jan'
Pearmainl, Beatus vir (Monteverdi), Rev J

Gough: 12 HC. Stille Signatory, New Yorks, S. H.C. 10 30 MP & H.C. Gloria from Missa Pange Ungua H.C. Gloria Rev D Wasson; 6.30 E. Save us Lord (Balrstow), Joanna Udal.

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ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI; II S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), The spacious / Immament (Drayton), The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: S HC; 9,45-S Euch, Expectans expectavi-(Wood), My Beloved Space (Purceil), Fr R Robr: 1130 Visitors, Responses (Smith), Jubilate (Gardner, Alielula Christus Surresti (Anerio), Rev C Herbert: 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Let, S Choral E. Responses (Neary), Fauxbourdon Service (Stanford), In Pace (Taillas), 630 ES. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Rensington Wit, 8, 12.30 MC; 930 Euch, The Vicar II.15 Choral M. Rev F Gellit 5.30 ES, Stabat Maior. m. Rev F Gelli; b 30 ES, Smbat Maisr.

ST MARY'S Bourne Street, SW: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11
HM, Missa Puls que l'al perdu (Lassus), Pr B
Scott: 6 SE. Procession of Gur Lady & Solemn
Benediction, Coll Reg (Howells).

ST MARY'-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC;
10:30 S Euch. Missa brevis capetta regalis
(Caesar), With a voice of singing (Shaw), Rev D
Jones: 6 EP. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W!: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch. A Short Mass (Rose), Praise the Lord O my soul (Rose), Rev B McLaren. MICHAELS. Wilton Place, 5W1; 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass In G (Schubert), Go Down Moses (Tippetti, Beatl quorum via (Stanford), Rev N Dawton. Tipperil. Beatl quorum via (Stanford). Rev N Diswson.

ST PETER'S. Eaton Square. SW1: 8.15 HC. 10 family Euch; 11 8 Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd). Biessed City heavenly Salem (Balristow). Dankpsalm (Rogen). Fr W Reyes.

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road, SW7: 11 HM., Missa Bravis (Selber). Salve Regina (Poulenc). Tantum Ergo (Andriessen). Fr F Bushau. CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA. HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC. 11 M. Responses (Smith). Te Deum (Chant). Jubilate (Gardnen). If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons). Canon J G M W Murphy. CKAPEL ROYAL, St. Jemes's Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL ROYAL, St. Jemes's Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Coarl Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Coarl Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL ROYAL St. Jemes's Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL ROYAL St. Jemes's Palasce 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Haec Dies (Byrd). Canon G S Pedley. CHAPEL South Audiey Street. WI: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch. Missa Paschalls (Ilassus). My beloved spake (Hadley). Preiode & Fugue in C (Bach). OUEENS CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M. Britten in C. My beloved spake (Hadley). The Chaplain.

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OBITUARIES

COMMANDER BRIAN MacCAW

Commander Brian MacCaw. DSC, wartime reconnaissance pilot and portrait photographer, died on April 12 aged 75. He was born on November 14, 1920.

EARLY in 1945, during the large-scale Fleet Air Arm attack from carriers on Japanese oil refineries in Sumatra, Brian MacCaw had his life saved in a remarkable way. He was commanding officer of 888 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, flying from HMS Indefatigable in single-seat Helicats equipped with cameras instead of

At 30,000 ft over the target area, he was recording the progress of the raid which was to cripple the enemy aviation spirit industry when, as he later described it: "I suddenly saw another fighter-type aircraft orbiting, bot it had rather nasty-looking red markings. Without guns, I didn't much want to stay around and pass the time of day, so I shot off fairly smartly. But the strange thing was that he must have seen me at precisely the same moment, and also went off at high speed in the opposite direction. I found out later from the people who monitored enemy frequencies that he was a high-powered Japanese army major who had been directing his own fighters. He must have thought I was a genuine Helicat with guns and had no wish to stay to fight, with the possibili-ty of getting shot down and thereby losing face with his pilots."

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Brian Arthur MacCaw was the younger son of Captain Guy Hardy MacCaw, a former ADC to Lord Kitchener, who had been highly decorated by the Russians for his staff work in St Petersburg during the First

World War. MacCaw was educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1939, though still an undergraduate, he volunteered for the Army on the very day that war broke out. He later transferred to the Navy as an ordinary seaman and in 1940 (the year his elder brother Derek was shot down and



ability to get out of scrapes that he left Trinidad not only with a glowing

report from his captain but also with a

recommendation for accelerated pro-

motion. He was then appointed as CO

of 988 Squadron, which was formed on

the orders of Admiral Lord Louis

Mountbatten, then Supreme Allied

Commander South-East Asia, and

operated under his orders. This squad-

ron was unique in that it was the only

Fleet Air Arm unit to see active service

The East Indies Fleet had suffered

from lack of up-to-date reconnaissance

reports and the long-overdue need for a

specialised squadron had at last been recognised. Operating from various

in the photo-reconnaissance role.

killed in the Battle of Britain) started training as a Fleet Air Arm pilot.

MacCaw's attitude to naval discipline was cavalier, to say the least, and this was to lead to trouble. After qualifying as an above-average pilot, he took off one day from RNAS St Merryn, in Cornwall, on an unauthorised flight in order to collect some eggs from a farm. On his return. he flew so low over the airfield that the Commander Flying had to flatten himself on the ground by the control tower. The upshot was that MacCaw was banished in disgrace to Trinidad to fly observers under training in a second-line squadron.

But such was his Houdini-like

enjoyed great success. This it achieved under highly demanding conditions. often flying at up to 35,000 ft, unpressurised, and on sorties lasting seven hours. Particular tasks involved support of

carriers, 888 saw plenty of action and

bandeships bombarding Sabang, carrier-borne airstrikes and anti-shipping sorties. But the most important job was photographing beaches, airfields and ports in the Kuala Lumpur. Port Dixon and Malacca areas, for use in the planning of the intended amphibious assault on Malaya, codenamed Operation Zipper. This was overtaken by the end of the war, but the work of 888 was not wasted. It had also mapped the area, and present cartography of Malaysia is indebted to its work. It was appropriate, perhaps, that MacCaw had made a contribution in the East. for his grandfather had made the family fortunes in jute mills in India. For his work, MacCaw was awarded the DSC and mentioned in dispatches.

After the war, he remained in the Navy for a time but peacetime naval discipline made no appeal to his independent and buccaneering nature, nor to his restless desire for new challenges. In pursuit of these, MacCaw became, successively, an airline pilot, apple farmer in Suffolk and mushroom farmer in Kent, where he also ran a highly successful firm called Audio-Visual Services.

But, undoubtedly, his most conspicuous postwar achievement was as a photographer. He was outstanding, particularly in the field of child portraiture where the freshness and striking originality of his studies marked him out as an artist of a high order. At the same time, he applied his boundless energy to joining the RNR Photographic Interpretation Group, of which he became commanding officer, as well as doing sterling work for the Samaritans in Canterbury.

He is survived by his wife Tonia. whom he married in 1955, their two daughters, and the son of his first

Eric Houghton, football player and manager, died on May I aged 85. He was born on June 29, 1910.

ERIC HOUGHTON enjoyed a distinguished career at Aston Villa Football Club, first as a player - an outside left with a reputation as one of the hardest shots in the game and a master of free kicks and penalties - and then as the dignified, pipe-smoking manager who brought the club its first major honour for 37 years when the FA Cup was won in

Born in Lincolnshire, William Eric Houghton was educated at Donnington Grammar School and played centre forward in its football team. Since he also played for his local village team, Billing-borough, he was often involved in two games on the

same day. His talent was spotted by Cecil Harris, a scout for Aston Villa. The story, perhaps apocryphal, is that Houghton nirned up at Villa, a shy, shockhaired boy, to tell the secretary. Bill Smith, that he was on trial and expected to be with Villa for some time. "Don't be too sure of that," was the alleged reply. But in fact, after being signed as a 17-year-old in 1927, Houghton was to stay with Villa for the next 20 years.

Nicknamed "Coog", he came under the wing of a number of distinguished senior professionals, notably the outside left, Arthur Dorrell, whom he was to succeed, and the eminent inside left, Billy Walker, Villa's captain. They were to play as partners in 1932 in a famous match between England and the Austrian "Wunderteam" at Chelsea, when one of Houghton's thun-derous free kicks led to an England goal in a narrow 4-3

Houghton hit the ball with enormous power and with either foot. He scored with 72 of the 79 penalties he took for Villa, and converted no fewer than 30 free kicks. There is little doubt that, but for the presence of two remarkable



ERIC HOUGHTON

left-wingers. Cliff Bastin of Arsenal and Eric Brook of Manchester City, he would have won many more England caps.

Houghton's last Villa match was for the reserves against Huddersfield Town. It was played on Boxing Day, 1946, and was suitably marked by a goal from the penalty spot. Indeed, throughout his career, Houghton had taken it very seriously if he had missed a penalty and had stayed on at Villa Park after training to practise shot after shot until he had been satisfied.

Houghton was also an accomplished cricketer, playing for Lincolnshire in the Minor Counties championship and, after the Second World War, captaining the Warwickshire Second XI and club and ground teams. After leaving Villa, he

played for Notts County, mostly at outside right, and became their player-manager in a team which included his old Villa colleague Frankie Broome, as well as the renowned centre forward Tommy Lawton. County went up to Division Two and Villa made Houghton their manager in September 1953. He was to hold the position for the next five years.

He and his trainer, Bill Moore, put great emphasis on fitness and agility. Giving youth its chance, Houghton

carefully rebuilt the team which had a powerful spear-head in the Northern Ireland left-winger, Peter McParland, who was to play a crucial role in the 1957 Cup Final. Villa perhaps surprised even themselves when they reached the Final for their team was renowned more for endeavour than for finesse.

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There were notable semifinal games against local rivals. West Bromwich Albion, McParland's goal saving Villa in the first match; his centre giving them the winner in the replay. But it was Mc-Parland's notorious charge into Manchester United's goalkeeper Ray Wood, when Wood held the ball, which virtually decided that Cup Final Had Wood not been hurt by McParland's reckless charge, suffering a fractured jaw, it is doubtful that Villa would have won. There were no substitutes in those days and United had to put another Northern Ireland international, their midfield player Jackie Blanchflower, in goal. McParland beat him twice

and Villa won 2-1. Things fell away after that, and Villa were skidding towards relegation in November 1958 when Houghton was dismissed and replaced by Joe Mercer.

For a short while he became chief scout at Nottingham Forest before going on to work for a spell as secretary-manager of Rugby Town. He then became a scout for Waisali before returning to Villa Park on the fundraising side. Houghton was eventually made a director at Walsall, and shortly after that a director at Aston Villa. In 1983 Villa appointed him senior vicepresident.

Up until his death, Houghton was involved behind the scenes at Aston Villa. In 1992 he was presented with a plaque from the Football Association to commemorate his 50 years of service to the

Eric Houghton is survived by two sons and a daughter. his wife having predeceased

SAUL BASS

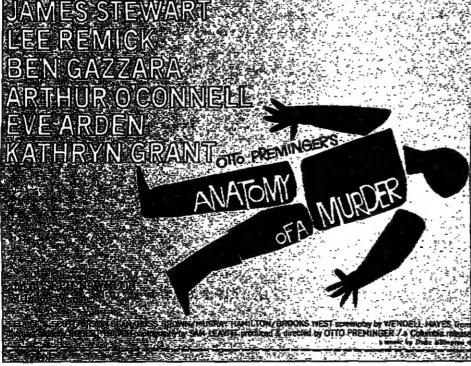
Saul Bass, American graphic designer and film director, died on April 25 aged 75. He was born on May 8, 1920. SAUL BASS earned his foot-

note in the history of cinema by working in an area which no one previously had much bothered with — film credits. *Before Bass, the design of film titles was in a lamentably moribund state. Cinema audiences would greet the interminable roll-call of names with the same limp enthusiasm a commercial break. Titles were typically filmed against a plain backdrop, or more daringly, if the subject matter were historical. the turning pages of an antique book

To Bass, the credits were an integral part of the entertainment. He believed that the show began when the lights went down. For the three minutes in which the titles rolled, his arresting images set the mood for the next few hours of entertainment. whether that was comic, dramatic or whimsical.

Graffiti scawled on urban walls conveyed the necessary information in West Side Story (1961); Cantinflas's penny farthing bicycle was pedalled frantically across the Egyptian Sphinx at the end sequence of Around the World in 80 Days (1956). For The Big Country (1958) Bass devised a panoramic sweep of land, with the three title words displayed in tiny script to emphasise the enormity of the vista. He was

ver afraid to try new things, to use relatively simple ideas. For Ono Preminger's Bunny Lake is Missing (1965)



The poster for Anatomy of a Murder, 1959, designed by Saul Bass

Bass used the image of a child's paper cut-out to prepare audiences for the nightmarish story of a missing fouryear-old girl.

He was best known, however, for perfecting a new jagged graphic style, very hip and modernist, seen at its best in work for Preminger and Alfred Hitchcock, and often accompanied by discordant jazz sounds: the stylised arm motif for The Man with the Golden Arm (1956) and the cut-up jigsaw puzzle corpse for Anaiomy of a Murder (1959) were both his and were much imitated.

Bass was a refreshingly unjaded survivor of the Hollywood machine. Although his leg had been damaged in a car accident, he gave the impression of never sitting still. His hands fluttered as he spoke. and he chain-chewed mint chewing gum.

Saul Bass was born in New York and attended the Art Students League in the city. and Brooklyn College. He became a freelance designer in New York, but moved to Hollywood, where in 1946 he founded his own company, This was a lucrative concern in its own right, and won

contracts to design logos for AT&T, Bell Telephone, Quaker Oats, even British Petro-

His film work began with the title sequence for Preminger's Carmen Jones (1946), which featured a burning rose. After this muchadmired debut Bass was kept in constant work. Film directors consulted him from the script stage onwards.

Occasionally Bass's genius did not work to the director's advantage. The credit sequence to Walk on the Wild Side (1962), for instance, was thought to show up by its

brilliance the ineptitude of what followed. The film opens with a young cat, black and sinewy, stepping out of a sewer and stalking through the city, across curbs and cracks in the sidewalk. All the while, credits roll, words popping up above, below and beside the animal.

There was a long collaboration with Hitchcock, Bass devised credits which rose and fell along the angular planes of New York skyscrapers in North by Northwest (1959) and the stark, black and white, disintegrating titles for Psycho (1960). There was a lengthy debate, never satisfactorily resolved, as to whether Bass actually directed the famous shower scene in Psycho. The action certainly followed Bass's story board directions, although Hitchcock, in an Francois interview with Truffaut, rejected the notion that, on his absence from the set through illness, Bass had actually directed any scenes or any which did not subsequently end on the cuttingroom floor. Bass disagreed with Hitchcock's account. He remained better friends with Preminger, though the two had their share of arguments. From these two men and

others, Bass learnt a good deal, incidentally, about filmmaking. He directed the battle scene in Spartacus (1960), for which he also designed the titles, and made a few short films for one of which, Why Man Creates, he won an Oscar in 1968. In 1973 he slipped into his director's hat for his first and only full-

length feature, Phase IV. But it was in credits that Bass persisted and in which he found himself, during the last decade, in fashion with younger directors. Martin Scorsese used him on a whole raft of work in the last few years -GoodFellas, Cape Fear, The Age of Innocence and Casino: and Spike Lee borrowed the corpse image from Anatomy of a Murder for his original poster work of Clockers.

Bass is survived by his wife Elaine Makatura, whom he married in 1961, and by two sons and two daughters.

from wanton destruction of private property.

The steamers entered in two divisions. The

first consisted of the Sampson, Furious,

Vauban, and Mogador. The Sampson fired the

first shot at the Imperial Mole, and the fire was

instantly returned. The action continued about

two hours without cessation, but without any

decided success. The Russian embrasures

were much knocked about, and several of their

At 7 a.m., the second division received the

signal to stand in. It consisted of the Terrible,

Tiger, Retribution, and three French steamers.

guns silenced.

DR EDWIN CLARKE

Dr Edwin Clarke, Director of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 1973-79, died on April 11 aged 76. He was born on June 18, 1919.

DURING his time as director of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, Edwin Clarke oversaw the installation of Sir Henry Wellcome's remarkable collection in a new premises at the Science Museum. It was also during the period of his directorship that the institute formed a close and productive relationship University College with London.

Edwin Sisterton Clarke was born in Felling-on-Tyne and educated at Jarrow Central School and Durham University's Medical School in Newcastle. He graduated MBBS in 1945 before going on to Chicago where he took an MD in 1946. Later, in 1954, he was to become an MD of his alma mater.

Always interested in neurol-

ogy, he trained first with the distinguished Oxford neurosurgeon Hugh Cairns, before going on for further postgraduate training at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases at Queen Square. From 1951 until 1958 he was a lecturer in neurology in Sir John McMichael's Department of Medicine at Hammersmith Hospital. An outstanding postgraduate teacher, he made a lasting impression on those who were his students. Never one to stand on formality, despite his consultant status, he played a major role in the social life of the junior doctors at Hammersmith at that time.

In 1958, however, his career changed course. Encouraged

hy McMichael, who later became a Wellcome trustee, he left clinical neurology to spend two years as an assistant secretary to the Wellcome Trust. He was already an avid collector of medical historical texts and the major interest of his life was to become the

history of medicine. Clarke wished to develop medical history as an academic discipline at a time when much of his subject was in the hands of elderly retired doc-



tors whose amateur status and antiquarian leanings then dominated the scene. He went to America, becoming assistant professor in the history of medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital Medical School from 1960 to 1962. It was the leading school in the history of medicine at that time. He went on to be associate professor of the history of medicine at Yale University until 1963. With a professional training

in medical history now behind him, he returned to what was

then the Wellcome Historical Library and Museum to work with the director. Dr Noel Poynter. It was a relationship that was not always to prove harmonious.

Clarke, therefore, turned to University College London, developing there the sub-department of the history of medicine, of which he became head. This was an important academic initiative, for it now became possible for young medical students to read for a BSc in medical history. At the same time, it encouraged the oldest links between the Wellcome Institute and the University of London, enabling the Wellcome staff to be awarded academic positions. Always keen to encourage

new approaches. Clarke

edited in 1971 a collection of essays on modern methods in the history of medicine, emphasising, for example, how the historian should use the original instruments for determining how scientists and doctors made their discoveries. But his major legacy was to the history of neurology. His publications included The Human Brain and Spinal Cord (1968) with C.D. O'Malley: An Illustrated History of Brain Function (1972) with K.E. Dewhurst; and Nineteenth Century Origins of Neuroscientific Concepts (1987) with L.S. Jacyna. He also translated and edited Max Neuberger's The Historical Development of Brain and Spinal Cord Physiology Before Flourens (1981). Edwin Clarke married three

times. His first two marriages were dissolved. He is survived by his third wife Gaynor, by two sons from his first marriage and a daughter from his

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destroyed. The following is a detailed account, The opening shots in the Crimean War. derived from an officer on board the Ter-- At 5 o'clock on the morning of the 22d of April, the signal was made for the steamers to commence an attack on the Imperial Mole, and the fortifications in its neighbourhood. the Crimea. Orders were given not to fire at the Pratique Mole, where the British shipping were anchored, and as much as possible, to abstain

commenced firing red-hot shot. After a time a loud explosion was heard. The Imperial magazine had been blown up by a shot from the Terrible, and a great part of the mole on which it stood was rent in pieces by the violence of the explosion. This relieved the Imperial Mole. The Terrible continued to fire took fire, burnt to the water's edge, and blew up. Two new frigates on the stocks were soon

it is believed some smaller vessels of war, were

Britain and France declared war against Russia in March in support of Turkey which felt threatened by Russian expansion in the East. In September the first troops landed in

The Terrible stood further in than the rest, and Anglo-French squadron from their most formidable opponent, the battery on the red-hot shot. A Russian frigate in the harbour in flames, and from 20 to 30 merchantmen and

soon sunk or burnt. Each of the vessels which remained out of action had sent a rocket boat, firing 24-pound rockets and these caused terrible destruction. The dockyard was the chief object of these missiles, and it was soon in flames. The seamen of the Terrible, which remained on the spot till the following Tuesday, declare that it burnt for two days and two nights, and this vast collection of naval stores must have been

totally destroyed. When the Imperial Mole blew up the fleet gave three cheers, the French commencing. Signals were then made to stand in further and continue the attack. At this moment the batteries on the Upper or Pratique Mole, near which the English ships were anchored, opened fire and according to the accounts I received the English sailors could not be prevented from returning the fire. The batteries suffered severely but were not

In the meantime the rocket boats had set on fire the lower part of the town. This is the most melancholy part of the transaction. The whole of this part of the city is destroyed. In fact, less than half of what was once Odessa now remains. Factories, warehouses, and shops were involved in a common destruction.

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Labour frontbenchers are discreetly trying to heal a rift between two of Tony Blair's most important lieutenants, which they fear could damage the party's election preparations. Mr

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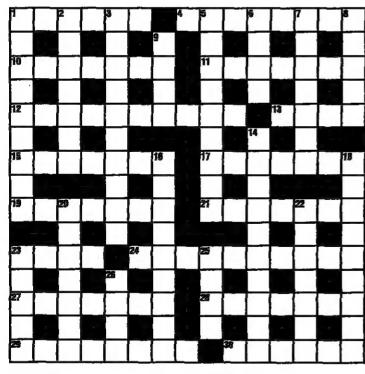
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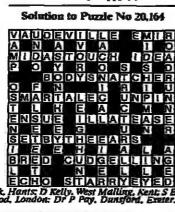
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- 15 Pouring China tea, say, first (7). 17 Rent keeps varsity learner in a stew (7). 19 Decide to do this again? (7).
- 21 Difficulty with religious picture one's committed to cross over it 23 Character in club, maybe (4).
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- overcrowded community (3-4). 28 Paying for secure position (7).
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- cleavage (7). Certain to succeed as Pope (10).
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- 7 Heroic Jones so-called man in the moon? (7).
- 8 Try to spot this long-awaited character (5).
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- Rule a girl out of order for such warfare (9). 18 Hid things cleverly for belated discovery (9).
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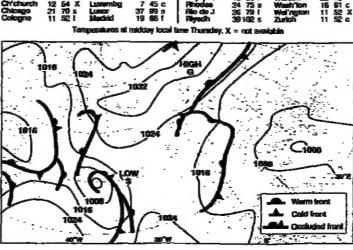
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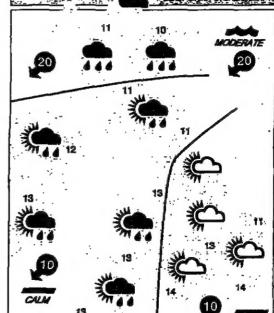
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